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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aboriginals).						
		Census—30th June, 1954.(a)			Estimate—31st December, 1955.			Capital Cities, 30th June, 1955.(b)
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	1,897,710
Victoria	87,884	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021	1,595,300
Q'land	670,500	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	692,920	657,764	1,350,684	515,000
S. Aust.	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	423,413	411,222	834,635	(c) 506,000
W. Aust.	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	345,487	325,263	670,750	359,000
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	165,994	159,807	325,801	97,440
N. Terr.	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,345	6,662	17,007	8,620
A.C.T.	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	17,746	15,724	33,470	30,390
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4,714,929	4,598,362	9,313,291	5,009,460

(a) Final Count. (b) The statistical boundaries of certain capital cities were extended as from 1st January, 1954. The population shown in this table relates to these extended areas. The population of the areas so added at the Census of 30th June, 1954 was—Sydney, 290,402; Melbourne, 120,628; Hobart, 3,633; and Darwin, 3,541. (c) 31st December, 1955.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AT 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1952	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954a	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	32,424	9,200,691
AT 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,737,191	1,871,099	1,005,523	595,842	466,684	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1952	3,367,986	2,366,719	1,271,256	768,570	612,935	309,558	14,771	27,774	8,739,569
1953	3,409,009	2,416,035	1,298,420	785,665	631,743	316,465	15,635	29,714	8,902,686
1954	3,462,313	2,480,877	1,322,752	808,243	649,415	319,511	16,140	31,144	9,090,395
1955	3,525,923	2,555,021	1,350,684	834,635	670,750	325,801	17,007	33,470	9,313,291

(a) Final Census results.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.									
1939	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,207	595,131	466,896	237,637	5,932	11,965	6,933,455
1952	3,311,840	2,309,708	1,239,868	743,310	589,887	293,340	15,131	25,545	8,528,629
1953	3,366,358	2,372,366	1,272,244	766,538	611,191	302,529	15,241	27,721	8,734,188
1954	3,405,414	2,422,839	1,300,464	785,981	630,705	309,416	15,930	29,595	8,900,344
1955	3,459,538	2,488,115	1,325,336	807,501	648,930	312,987	16,536	31,249	9,000,192
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER.									
1938	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,808	236,328	5,804	11,534	6,900,341
1952	3,341,476	2,343,610	1,255,896	755,042	600,615	298,361	15,087	26,570	8,636,657
1953	3,386,556	2,395,851	1,287,281	776,355	621,034	306,318	15,534	28,724	8,817,603
1954	3,423,488	2,453,458	1,313,055	796,361	640,140	311,128	16,214	30,383	8,989,227
1955	3,492,385	2,526,275	1,338,995	820,143	658,747	316,153	17,040	32,412	9,202,150

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territory.	1951.	1952.	1953	1954.	1955.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).					
New South Wales	40,137	42,158	43,183	40,681	41,854
Victoria	27,107	30,416	30,911	32,106	33,809
Queensland	18,547	19,782	19,776	19,832	21,045
South Australia	10,279	10,834	11,194	11,048	10,958
Western Australia	9,506	10,204	10,790	10,564	11,244
Tasmania	4,790	5,337	5,185	5,074	5,600
Northern Territory	290	359	344	407	396
Australian Capital Territory	854	963	664	739	735
Australia	111,510	120,053	122,047	120,451	125,641

NET MIGRATION (EXCESS OF ARRIVALS OVER DEPARTURES).					
New South Wales	41,010	18,043	4,578	15,977	21,756
Victoria	33,498	35,053	16,346	31,764	40,335
Queensland	12,418	11,310	5,480	3,544	6,887
South Australia	7,547	10,865	2,791	9,968	15,434
Western Australia	8,425	12,677	8,258	7,223	10,091
Tasmania	7,827	3,604	2,888	1,448	690
Northern Territory	105	2	718	201	471
Australian Capital Territory	603	2,482	1,833	973	1,591
Australia	111,433	94,032	42,897	68,207	97,255

TOTAL INCREASE.(a)					
New South Wales	73,615	53,314	41,023	53,304	63,610
Victoria	62,356	67,181	49,316	64,842	74,144
Queensland	32,860	32,978	27,164	24,332	27,932
South Australia	20,942	24,785	17,095	22,578	26,392
Western Australia	17,690	22,596	18,808	17,672	21,335
Tasmania	11,454	7,771	6,907	3,046	6,290
Northern Territory	194	157	864	505	867
Australian Capital Territory	1,315	2,880	1,940	1,430	2,326
Australia	220,426	211,662	163,117	187,709	222,896

(a) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase. (a)	Net Migration. (b)	Total Increase. (c)	Population at end of Period.
Year—							
1938	62,411	120,475	66,451	53,964	9,137	64,417	6,935,909
1944	68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	— 2,183	77,366	7,347,024
1945	62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	— 2,629	83,173	7,430,197
1946	79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	— 15,148	87,784	7,517,981
1947	76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	119,982	7,637,963
1948	74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	154,502	7,792,465
1949	72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	253,105	8,045,570
1950	75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	261,911	8,307,481
1951	77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	220,426	8,527,907
1952	74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	211,662	8,739,569
1953	70,640	202,235	80,188	122,047	42,897	163,117	8,902,686
1954	71,229	202,256	81,805	120,451	68,207	187,709	9,090,395
1955	72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	222,896	9,313,291
Quarter ended—							
31st December, 1954	19,664	51,162	19,091	32,071	28,883	60,954	9,090,395
31st March, 1955	17,705	51,318	17,680	33,638	25,101	58,739	9,149,184
30th June, 1955	18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	20,680	51,557	9,200,691
30th September, 1955	15,449	53,714	24,209	29,505	25,853	55,358	9,256,049
31st December, 1955	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,291

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1944, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1944, to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

State or Territory.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.							
New South Wales	7,547	9,192	8,661	17,853	4,264	3,214	7,478
Victoria.. ..	6,069	7,431	6,990	14,421	2,791	2,542	5,333
Queensland ..	2,583	3,946	3,600	7,546	1,540	1,119	2,659
South Australia ..	1,685	2,437	2,362	4,799	1,061	896	1,957
Western Australia	1,367	2,095	1,944	4,039	745	603	1,348
Tasmania ..	729	1,018	1,015	2,033	318	266	584
Northern Territory	45	57	64	121	22	7	29
Australian Capital Territory ..	69	123	110	233	22	14	36
Australia ..	20,094	26,299	24,746	51,045	10,763	8,661	19,424

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.

New South Wales	27,645	38,081	36,326	74,407	18,670	13,883	32,553
Victoria.. ..	20,056	28,888	27,448	56,336	11,986	10,541	22,527
Queensland ..	10,098	16,701	15,651	32,352	6,681	4,626	11,307
South Australia ..	6,226	9,524	8,970	18,494	4,211	3,325	7,536
Western Australia	5,145	8,436	8,187	16,623	3,106	2,273	5,379
Tasmania ..	2,600	4,122	3,967	8,089	1,351	1,138	2,489
Northern Territory	151	257	258	515	99	20	119
Australian Capital Territory ..	251	441	420	861	84	42	126
Australia ..	72,172	106,450	101,227	207,677	46,188	35,848	82,036

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
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MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	24,579	29,351	27,573	27,503	27,645
Victoria	17,113	20,220	19,238	19,404	20,056
Queensland	8,853	10,056	9,859	10,027	10,098
South Australia ..	5,489	6,241	6,149	6,190	6,226
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,389	5,032	5,204	5,145
Tasmania	2,082	2,553	2,424	2,512	2,600
Northern Territory ..	67	137	154	143	151
Australian Capital Territory	75	225	211	246	251
Australia	62,411	74,172	70,640	71,229	72,172

DIVORCES (INCLUDING NULLITIES OF MARRIAGE).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, New South Wales, 2,844; Victoria, 1,539; Queensland, 714; South Australia, 598; Western Australia, 532; Tasmania, 237; Northern Territory, 20; Australian Capital Territory, 33; Australia, 6,517.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
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MARRIAGE RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	9.03	8.78	8.14	8.02	7.92
Victoria ..	9.17	8.63	8.03	7.91	7.94
Queensland ..	8.84	8.01	7.66	7.64	7.54
South Australia ..	9.25	8.27	7.92	7.77	7.59
Western Australia ..	8.95	8.97	8.10	8.13	7.81
Tasmania ..	8.81	8.56	7.91	8.07	8.22
Northern Territory ..	11.54	9.08	9.91	8.82	8.86
Australian Capital Territory	6.50	8.47	7.35	8.10	7.74
Australia ..	9.04	8.59	8.01	7.92	7.84

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	74,196	74,890	73,125	74,407
Victoria ..	30,344	53,738	53,561	54,660	56,336
Queensland ..	18,992	30,953	30,782	31,176	32,352
South Australia ..	9,410	17,884	18,156	18,227	18,494
Western Australia ..	9,141	15,413	15,862	15,928	16,623
Tasmania ..	4,907	7,916	7,736	7,770	8,089
Northern Territory ..	102	448	460	513	515
Australian Capital Territory	200	1,102	788	857	861
Australia ..	120,415	201,650	202,235	202,256	207,677

BIRTH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	17.38	22.20	22.11	21.33	21.31
Victoria ..	16.27	22.93	22.36	22.28	22.30
Queensland ..	18.95	24.65	23.91	23.74	24.16
South Australia ..	15.86	23.69	23.39	22.89	22.55
Western Australia ..	19.71	25.66	25.54	24.88	25.23
Tasmania ..	20.76	26.53	25.25	24.97	25.59
Northern Territory ..	17.57	29.69	29.61	31.64	30.22
Australian Capital Territory	(a)17.34	(a)41.48	27.43	28.21	26.56
Australia ..	17.45	23.35	22.94	22.50	22.57

DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	26,105	32,038	31,707	32,444	32,553
Victoria ..	18,955	23,322	22,650	22,554	22,527
Queensland ..	9,201	11,171	11,006	11,344	11,307
South Australia ..	5,539	7,050	6,962	7,179	7,536
Western Australia ..	4,234	5,209	5,072	5,364	5,379
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,579	2,551	2,696	2,489
Northern Territory ..	69	89	116	106	119
Australian Capital Territory	60	139	124	118	126
Australia ..	66,451	81,597	80,188	81,805	82,036

(a) As in the States and the Northern Territory, the rates shown are based on birth registrations. Prior to the provision late in 1952 of maternity accommodation in Queanbeyan, births registered in Canberra for the years 1938 and 1952 included many mothers from Queanbeyan and surrounding areas. Rates based on the number of births to mothers resident in the Australian Capital Territory for these years are as follows:—1938, 15.43; 1952, 31.91.

Marriages, Births and Deaths—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
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DEATH RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	9.50	9.59	9.36	9.46	9.32
Victoria	10.16	9.95	9.45	9.19	8.92
Queensland	9.18	8.89	8.55	8.64	8.44
South Australia	9.34	9.34	8.97	9.01	9.19
Western Australia	9.13	8.67	8.17	8.38	8.17
Tasmania	9.68	8.64	8.33	8.67	7.87
Northern Territory	11.89	5.90	7.47	6.54	6.98
Australian Capital Territory	5.20	5.23	4.32	3.88	3.89
Australia	9.63	9.45	9.09	9.10	8.91

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,980	1,818	1,846	1,850	1,850
Victoria	1,038	1,198	1,133	1,055	1,035
Queensland	784	772	769	695	656
South Australia	287	413	375	388	431
Western Australia	309	384	378	359	373
Tasmania	195	172	177	186	189
Northern Territory	6	14	18	9	26
Australian Capital Territory	8	26	17	4	12
Australia	4,607	4,797	4,713	4,546	4,572

INFANT MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.84	24.50	24.65	25.30	24.86
Victoria	34.21	22.29	21.15	19.30	18.37
Queensland	41.28	24.94	24.98	22.29	20.28
South Australia	30.50	23.09	20.65	21.29	23.30
Western Australia	33.80	24.91	23.83	22.54	22.44
Tasmania	39.74	21.73	22.88	23.94	23.37
Northern Territory	58.82	31.25	39.13	17.54	50.49
Australian Capital Territory	40.00	23.59	21.57	4.67	13.94
Australia	38.26	23.79	23.30	22.48	22.01

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1950	141,891	108,513	250,404	49,907	47,992	97,899	152,505
1951	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	133,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,255

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Nationality.

Nationality.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British(b)	10,849	44,749	57,201	7,854	29,764	29,305
Foreign—						
American (U.S.)	371	1,339	1,296	269	714	927
Austrian	1,256	1,429	4,451	23	49	86
Belgian	8	58	58	4	20	18
Chinese	139	331	384	35	162	145
Czechoslovak	32	59	83	50	80	126
Danish	65	94	120	11	48	42
Dutch	5,479	11,340	13,354	327	963	1,055
Estonian	3	3	10	2	56	17
French	110	302	377	53	240	303
German	3,274	12,979	9,749	153	507	583
Greek	1,360	9,968	10,951	28	156	117
Hungarian	34	77	224	14	64	42
Israeli	206	380	626	2	12	11
Italian	5,824	15,979	27,045	370	1,433	1,627
Japanese	50	174	285	4	17	22
Latvian	9	34	41	13	59	37
Lebanese	142	357	420	7	35	31
Lithuanian	1	10	13	18	73	52
Norwegian	6	41	62	7	111	120
Polish(c)	48	100	164	18	132	102
Russian(d)	24	254	97	6	79	42
Swedish	9	42	44	12	36	45
Swiss	45	157	214	38	96	113
Ukrainian	5	11	37	14	57	46
Yugoslav	180	685	932	7	91	52
Stateless	326	2,575	1,604	83	216	183
Other	317	487	953	46	179	229
Total	30,172	104,014	130,795	9,468	35,449	35,478

(a) "Permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) except in the case of Australian troops, who are classified as "temporary" irrespective of their length of stay. (b) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" for the purpose of this table. (c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (d) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Racial Origin.

Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.(a)			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(a)		
	Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
European	29,496	102,265	128,378	9,297	34,829	34,791
Asian	653	1,623	2,305	161	593	663
African	3	42	20	1	7	2
Polynesian	20	84	92	9	20	22
Total	30,172	104,014	130,795	9,468	35,449	35,478

(a) See note (a) above

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	6,401	28,793	36,638	4,203	16,814	15,389
Canada	475	735	1,225	256	1,252	1,155
Cyprus	238	522	930	11	96	54
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	275	791	831	129	464	478
Malta	1,267	6,198	9,297	69	158	266
New Guinea	186	681	668	494	2,039	2,035
New Zealand	796	2,628	2,904	847	3,615	3,744
Papua	157	412	483	316	1,140	1,242
Union of South Africa ..	67	282	375	76	235	226
Other	746	2,267	2,620	935	1,796	2,310
Total, British Countries	10,608	43,309	55,971	7,336	27,609	26,899
Foreign—						
Austria	1,456	1,643	5,021	23	37	66
France	104	317	401	77	411	342
Germany	3,320	13,074	9,866	124	447	486
Greece	1,208	9,685	10,389	28	228	168
Italy	5,853	15,876	27,451	541	2,510	2,816
Netherlands	5,410	11,098	13,104	260	764	833
Poland	27	23	79	..	1	6
Yugoslavia	120	494	818	3	52	42
Other European	291	3,399	1,563	116	432	475
China	49	352	177	9	83	33
Indonesia	209	350	476	44	163	178
Egypt	286	961	1,245	18	55	61
United States of America ..	562	1,771	1,859	690	1,887	2,238
Polynesian Islands	610	161	2,232	37	267	239
Other	59	1,501	143	162	503	596
Total, Foreign Countries	19,564	60,705	74,824	2,132	7,840	8,579
GRAND TOTAL ..	30,172	104,014	130,795	9,468	35,449	35,478

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see following table) as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
	Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—		Quarter ended December, 1955.	Year ended December—	
		1954.	1955.		1954.	1955.
Australia	17,206	44,944	52,877	13,464	45,701	52,180
Other British—						
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ..	2,383	7,914	8,589	2,195	8,699	9,001
Canada	278	478	786	175	518	721
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	431	1,410	1,418	341	1,117	1,204
New Guinea	1,023	2,793	3,025	743	2,437	2,751
New Zealand	5,599	18,899	19,768	5,562	19,580	20,601
Papua	924	2,420	2,811	474	1,880	1,890
Union of South Africa ..	144	458	537	173	443	505
Other	1,594	5,135	5,660	1,696	4,964	5,393
Total, Other British Countries	12,376	39,507	42,594	11,359	39,638	42,066
Foreign—						
France	121	353	477	112	408	503
Germany	83	233	358	105	221	339
Greece	15	56	63	6	47	43
Italy	57	167	259	82	253	295
Netherlands	164	389	610	225	488	694
Yugoslavia	10	29	35	8	9	20
Other European	185	617	745	154	606	647
China	30	64	90	10	75	45
Indonesia	164	542	625	134	515	444
Egypt	17	59	64	12	60	52
United States of America ..	1,216	3,673	4,270	1,209	3,728	4,614
Polynesian Islands	348	1,293	1,242	199	1,130	955
Other	521	2,085	2,133	517	1,490	1,607
Total, Foreign Countries	2,931	9,560	10,971	2,773	9,030	10,258
GRAND TOTAL	32,513	94,011	106,442	27,596	94,369	104,504

(a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AREA, PRODUCTION, AND YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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AREA.

('000 Acres.)

1938-39..	4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,418	10	2	14,346
1950-51..	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	5	2	11,663
1951-52..	2,753	2,464	454	1,613	3,095	4	1	10,384
1952-53..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953-54..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673

PRODUCTION.

('000 Bushels.)

1938-39..	59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1950-51..	43,273	51,236	8,785	30,936	49,900	95	19	184,244
1951-52..	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
1952-53..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54..	63,681	53,698	10,180	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,960
1954-55..	37,718	48,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	5	168,606

YIELD PER ACRE.

(Bushels.)

1938-39..	12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	23.7	10.8
1950-51..	13.0	18.7	15.7	16.7	15.7	17.8	10.1	15.8
1951-52..	14.4	18.7	14.6	16.9	12.9	26.1	14.0	15.4
1952-53..	21.0	22.6	25.8	22.0	11.8	23.4	12.7	19.1
1953-54..	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55..	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	6.5	15.8

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

('000 Acres.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	5,223	3,033	499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1950-51 ..	3,442	2,771	616	1,950	3,255	9	2	12,045
1951-52 ..	2,930	2,499	551	1,688	3,163	7	1	10,839
1952-53 ..	2,836	2,265	779	1,601	3,076	13	1	10,571
1953-54 ..	3,548	2,429	658	1,604	2,938	15	2	11,194
1954-55 ..	3,179	2,430	746	1,766	3,109	12	1	11,234

OTHER PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Potatoes.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.		Total Area of Crops.
	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.			Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	

AREA.

('000 Acres.)

1938-39 ..	1,784	745	324	98	3,250	262	..	23,498
1950-51 ..	1,757	1,079	169	127	1,377	272	..	19,811
1951-52 ..	2,365	1,118	170	118	1,549	282	..	19,683
1952-53 ..	2,764	1,377	174	135	1,761	280	..	20,251
1953-54 ..	2,137	1,803	179	123	1,935	340	..	21,013
1954-55 ..	2,574	1,691	170	107	1,984	374	..	21,695

PRODUCTION.

	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Bush.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	
1938-39 ..	15,555	10,831	7,057	274	3,321	5,679	820	..
1950-51 ..	25,128	22,871	4,729	412	2,063	7,052	921	..
1951-52 ..	34,506	21,909	4,018	509	2,345	5,327	745	..
1952-53 ..	43,623	35,045	4,967	431	2,765	6,967	949	..
1953-54 ..	32,961	41,272	5,079	548	3,049	9,014	1,254	..
1954-55 ..	32,831	29,400	5,076	468	2,856	10,087	1,328	..

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK. ('000.)

March.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas- mania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939 ..	531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1951 ..	329	187	307	71	55	20	29	1	999
1952 ..	311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	895
1954 ..	280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
1955 ..	258	132	267	49	47	16	33	1	803

CATTLE—BEEF.

1951 ..	2,457	727	5,294	189	618	115	1,019	8	10,427
1952 ..	2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,058	7	10,327
1953 ..	2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954 ..	2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,771
1955 ..	2,242	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,950

CATTLE—DAIRY.

1951 ..	1,246	1,489	1,440	244	223	157	..	3	4,802
1952 ..	1,205	1,439	1,297	236	231	155	..	3	4,566
1953 ..	1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162	..	4	4,746
1954 ..	1,238	1,541	1,383	261	230	174	..	3	4,830
1955 ..	1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	190	..	3	4,886

CATTLE—TOTAL.

1939 ..	2,812	1,697	(a) 6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,862
1951 ..	3,703	2,216	6,734	433	841	272	1,019	11	15,229
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265	1,058	10	14,893
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
1954 ..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	966	9	15,601
1955 ..	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	969	8	15,836

SHEEP.

1939 ..	48,877	17,007	a 23,159	a 9,937	a 9,177	a 2,626	30	245	111,058
1951 ..	54,111	20,012	17,478	10,166	11,362	2,181	29	257	115,596
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,164	11,470	12,188	2,338	31	243	117,647
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,038	12,475	2,421	34	247	123,072
1954 ..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	31	252	126,944
1955 ..	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	20	245	130,849

PIGS.

1939 ..	377	253	(a) 325	(a) 71	(a) 83	(a) 45	1	1	1,156
1951 ..	317	237	375	68	90	45	1	1	1,134
1952 ..	298	214	316	65	86	47	1	..	1,022
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	1	..	993
1954 ..	372	232	384	61	101	46	1	..	1,197
1955 ..	375	264	407	85	107	58	1	..	1,297

(a) December, previous year.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE). ('000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 ..	437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1950-51 ..	492,130	218,266	154,667	125,384	107,341	17,250	235	2,266	1,117,539
1951-52 ..	437,837	224,958	138,767	135,484	120,401	20,513	252	1,765	1,079,977
1952-53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086
1953-54 ..	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462
1954-55(c) ..	540,977	253,364	176,548	155,761	129,667	23,797	313	2,232	1,282,659

(a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
WHOLE MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES. (¹ 000 gal.)								
1938-39 ..	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1950-51 ..	298,159	445,671	278,111	83,545	52,407	39,228	687	1,197,808
1951-52 ..	241,209	446,818	181,148	86,482	48,937	42,189	593	1,047,376
1952-53 ..	317,385	436,417	235,533	84,249	49,830	41,139	688	1,215,241
1953-54 ..	282,187	474,358	249,712	85,014	49,996	47,642	743	1,189,652
1954-55(b) ..	313,015	533,240	271,625	91,538	54,720	52,784	754	1,317,676
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1954(b) ..	153,914	327,387	129,774	57,884	37,094	31,151	395	737,599
Dec., 1955(b) ..	169,310	344,762	137,652	57,922	37,217	32,833	467	780,163

BUTTER (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,234	8	203,500
1950-51 ..	36,130	59,046	47,911	7,769	7,000	6,073	5	183,934
1951-52 ..	25,242	60,342	28,211	8,131	6,880	6,507	6	135,319
1952-53 ..	33,875	58,178	49,425	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,480
1953-54 ..	31,354	64,396	42,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55(b) ..	40,289	80,269	46,215	8,752	7,313	8,624	5	191,467
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1954(b) ..	19,502	49,988	21,560	5,583	5,511	5,250	2	107,396
Dec., 1955(b) ..	21,623	55,702	23,136	5,753	5,667	5,491	2	117,374

CHEESE (Factory and Farm).
(Tons.)

1938-39 ..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1950-51 ..	2,960	22,576	8,678	8,932	751	412	..	44,309
1951-52 ..	1,995	22,255	4,700	10,615	625	408	..	40,598
1952-53 ..	3,163	22,386	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
1953-54 ..	3,210	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55(b) ..	2,509	20,224	7,924	13,103	1,069	277	..	45,106
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1954(b) ..	1,298	14,045	4,440	9,926	894	175	..	30,778
Dec., 1955(b) ..	1,626	8,725	4,436	9,421	580	124	..	24,912

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Full Cream Milk Products.				Total Whole Milk Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Milk By-Products.	
	Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweetened).	Concentrated Whole Milk.(c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(d)		Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Butter-milk and Whey.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	15,519	(e) 1,659	10,712	(f) 1,259	33,367	(g)	(h) 556
1950-51 ..	50,507	18,351	17,594	12,100	84,828	6,583	3,192
1951-52 ..	52,467	16,743	15,121	12,066	76,324	10,887	2,938
1952-53 ..	55,385	14,493	22,393	10,042	83,411	16,103	4,073
1953-54 ..	42,386	19,464	18,905	11,740	75,773	19,804	5,358
1954-55(b) ..	38,333	11,618	15,400	11,326	60,776	21,733	5,200
Six months ended—							
December, 1954(b)	25,005	6,935	9,399	5,945	38,302	14,322	3,240
December, 1955(b)	23,041	8,130	10,503	7,058	43,044	18,828	2,735

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BEEF (including Veal).									
1938-39 ..	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1950-51 ..	192,760	136,604	232,398	36,372	33,969	14,103	3,591	1,716	651,513
1951-52 ..	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285	1,806	581,888
1952-53 ..	217,320	123,643	252,495	31,100	31,810	13,842	3,175	1,464	674,849
1953-54 ..	220,915	140,019	257,783	34,122	35,494	11,003	3,277	1,656	704,269
1954-55(a) ..	218,841	136,999	268,825	33,358	37,964	13,386	3,140	1,656	714,169
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954(a) ..	108,940	68,920	149,956	16,328	20,053	6,229	1,596	828	372,850
Dec., 1955(a) ..	118,072	67,046	171,800	18,243	19,118	7,473	1,612	816	404,180
MUTTON.									
1938-39 ..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1950-51 ..	52,464	56,045	12,467	21,022	14,374	4,813	27	621	161,833
1951-52 ..	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	648	175,809
1952-53 ..	72,455	94,130	18,572	33,660	23,620	5,654	82	834	249,007
1953-54 ..	75,771	87,302	18,075	30,714	18,908	6,004	72	720	237,566
1954-55(a) ..	73,479	89,324	15,862	27,631	20,022	6,065	78	720	233,181
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954(a) ..	36,371	42,376	7,431	14,597	10,705	3,179	38	360	115,057
Dec., 1955(a) ..	37,383	42,654	9,797	14,278	13,224	2,675	40	414	120,465
LAMB.									
1938-39 ..	28,635	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1950-51 ..	39,999	47,007	1,100	12,990	7,176	3,848	..	300	112,420
1951-52 ..	37,747	44,227	1,338	11,059	7,600	4,243	..	312	106,526
1952-53 ..	53,276	58,900	1,799	17,824	8,886	5,002	..	396	146,083
1953-54 ..	48,759	48,320	1,617	14,757	8,358	5,069	..	366	127,246
1954-55(a) ..	48,824	61,666	1,535	21,121	7,415	5,753	..	360	146,674
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954(a) ..	25,201	42,890	717	16,490	4,997	2,654	..	180	93,129
Dec., 1955(a) ..	26,046	41,404	976	12,911	6,728	3,172	..	204	91,441
PORK.									
1938-39 ..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1950-51 ..	9,307	7,596	11,751	2,774	2,116	1,499	64	150	35,257
1951-52 ..	10,382	8,716	8,604	2,551	2,550	1,981	70	170	35,024
1952-53 ..	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	60	132	30,468
1953-54 ..	12,949	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	69	146	33,396
1954-55(a) ..	17,096	10,558	8,370	3,346	3,947	1,936	65	144	45,462
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954(a) ..	8,499	5,238	4,140	1,681	2,219	844	34	72	22,727
Dec., 1955(a) ..	7,793	5,451	3,922	1,887	1,954	998	33	96	22,134
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).									
1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1950-51 ..	12,629	7,905	8,764	3,042	3,558	946	..	..	36,844
1951-52(b) ..	12,514	8,964	7,669	2,969	3,683	829	..	..	36,628
1952-53(b) ..	13,223	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	..	38,545
1953-54(b) ..	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	..	36,990
1954-55(a)(b) ..	11,539	8,253	10,805	3,318	3,310	1,019	..	..	38,244
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954(a)(b) ..	6,211	4,278	5,976	1,717	1,781	556	..	..	20,519
Dec., 1955(a)(b) ..	6,575	4,109	5,329	1,990	1,795	573	..	..	20,371
TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.									
1938-39 ..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1950-51 ..	311,704	258,002	269,634	77,296	62,473	25,554	3,682	2,787	1,011,132
1951-52 ..	305,748	267,129	211,062	68,902	63,441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,081
1952-53 ..	370,652	294,702	292,349	89,585	71,776	27,624	3,317	2,826	1,152,831
1953-54 ..	374,543	292,532	299,131	85,960	69,475	24,769	3,418	2,888	1,152,766
1954-55(a) ..	373,933	309,773	309,288	89,969	73,849	28,526	3,282	2,880	1,191,500
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954(a) ..	187,458	165,244	170,372	51,431	40,396	13,663	1,668	1,440	631,672
Dec., 1955(a) ..	198,235	162,144	193,544	50,025	46,465	15,098	1,685	1,530	668,726

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING—VALUE OF OUTPUT^(a).
(£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
1953.								
Metal Mining—								
Gold Mining ..	225	1,033	278	7	13,375	..	820	15,738
Silver-Lead Zinc Mining ..	22,817	..	(b)	(b)	310	1,903	..	31,672
Copper-Gold Mining ..	21	..	(b)	(c)	(b)	(b)	18	4,384
Tin Mining ..	303	..	211	68	1,258	15	..	1,855
Other Metal Mining ..	1,322	6	1,027	(b)	1,401	(b)	266	9,170
Total Metal Mining	24,688	1,039	10,563	2,989	15,157	7,264	1,119	62,819
Fuel Mining—								
Black Coal Mining ..	41,630	946	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	52,424
Brown Coal Mining ..	..	3,628	..	..	..	..	..	3,628
Total Fuel Mining..	41,630	4,574	5,861	461	3,073	453	..	56,052
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel)								
Mining and Construc-								
tion Material Quarrying	6,028	(d) 3,716	(d) 860	2,753	(d) 1,781	320	102	(e) (d) 15,671
Total All Mining and								
Quarrying ..	72,346	(d) 9,329	(d) 17,284	6,203	(d) 20,011	8,037	1,221	(e) (d) 134,542
1952	77,097	(d) 8,535	(d) 17,429	6,047	(d) 17,704	8,750	(d) 1,282	d 136,844
1951(f)	67,877	6,949	10,922	4,938	13,474	10,552	(g)	114,712
1950(f)	46,102	5,274	10,829	4,428	12,037	7,049	(g)	85,719
1949(f)	35,295	4,215	7,096	3,118	9,799	4,629	(g)	64,152
1939(f)	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(g)	37,430

(a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Less than £500. (d) Incomplete. (e) Includes £111,000 for the Australian Capital Territory. (f) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining industries and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (g) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Principal Metallic Contents of Minerals Produced.							Coal.	
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten. (a)	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1955.(b)

New South Wales	1,078	8	..	69	93	1	65	4,195	..
Victoria ..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	34	2,728
Queensland ..	8,002	16	..	13	c 208	(c) 6	4	790	..
South Australia..	..	(d)	(c) 519	..	..	..	..	121	..
Western Australia	(d)	206	97	(d)	27	..	..	258	..
Tasmania ..	1,848	4	..	3	233	410	7	83	..
Northern Territory	883	14	..	..	(d)	9	..	..	..
Australia—									
Sept. Qtr. 1955	11,811	257	616	85	561	426	76	5,481	2,728
Sept. Qtr. 1954	9,738	286	606	79	543	450	69	5,338	2,483
Year—									
1954 ..	40,857	1,118	(c) 2,274	285	2,075	1,372	253	19,761	9,331
1953 ..	36,585	1,075	(c) 2,132	269	1,553	1,406	239	18,411	8,257
1952 ..	18,578	980	(c) 1,883	228	1,610	1,282	196	19,404	8,104
1951 ..	17,926	896	(c) 1,605	212	1,559	1,112	189	17,608	7,836
1950 ..	17,481	870	(c) 1,418	225	1,854	730	198	16,543	7,327

(a) In terms of WO₃ (tungstic trioxide). (b) Subject to revision. (c) Estimated. (d) Less than half the unit of quantity shown.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

Year.	(1) Factories.	(2) Persons Em- ployed. (a)	(3) Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	(4) Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	(5) Value of Materials Used. (c)	(6) Value of Pro- duction. (d)	(7) Value of Output. (e)	(8) Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.
	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743	15,700	281,303	203,417	500,420	274,583
1949-50 ..	41,596	917,499	385,797	54,830	929,094	661,532	1,645,456	545,151
1950-51 ..	43,147	968,918	491,718	71,682	1,235,281	843,872	2,150,835	639,400
1951-52 ..	45,844	977,517	611,789	96,629	1,513,210	1,024,867	2,634,706	769,634
1952-53 ..	47,740	933,261	635,245	109,337	1,527,805	1,082,862	2,720,004	907,980
1953-54 ..	49,576	989,542	705,137	120,458	1,747,973	1,227,045	3,095,476	1,064,146

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, &c., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals figures in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (e) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
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1938-39.

1. Factories ..	No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Persons employed(a) ..		223,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Salaries, Wages paid(b) ..	£'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8,169	4,574	2,480	106,743
4. Value of fuel, &c. used ..		7,652	4,000	1,423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
5. " materials used ..		120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,303
6. " production(c) ..		90,266	65,996	19,302	13,678	8,776	5,399	203,417
7. " output ..		218,420	152,967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
8. " land & buildings ..		57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6,814	3,717	130,921
9. " plant & mchnry.,		62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662

1952-53.

1. Factories ..	No.	19,251	15,154	5,068	3,339	3,424	1,504	47,740
2. Persons employed(a) ..		390,213	310,759	93,123	80,483	45,188	23,495	933,261
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) ..	£'000.	265,910	210,878	57,591	56,546	28,344	15,976	635,245
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..		53,630	25,626	9,624	11,806	6,175	2,476	109,337
5. " materials used ..		627,954	476,489	187,572	133,818	63,943	38,029	1,527,805
6. " production(c) ..		457,742	358,032	98,209	89,189	49,192	30,498	1,082,862
7. " output ..		1,139,326	860,147	295,405	234,813	119,310	71,003	2,720,004
8. " land & buildings ..		176,576	135,324	34,720	31,904	20,960	14,962	414,446
9. " plant & mchnry.,		207,733	147,365	51,670	40,111	24,035	22,620	493,534

1953-54.

1. Factories ..	No.	20,199	15,533	5,199	3,577	3,523	1,545	49,576
2. Persons employed(a) ..		402,595	331,277	98,119	85,503	47,459	24,589	989,542
3. Salaries, wages paid(b) ..	£'000.	293,586	236,037	63,433	63,110	31,590	17,381	705,137
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..		58,447	29,080	10,655	12,500	6,972	2,804	120,458
5. " materials used ..		721,311	548,111	211,451	152,590	72,468	42,042	1,747,973
6. " production(c) ..		520,043	408,314	110,255	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,227,045
7. " output ..		1,299,801	985,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	3,095,476
8. " land & buildings ..		196,724	158,389	40,003	36,579	24,739	26,997	483,431
9. " plant & mchnry.,		233,022	181,058	64,160	46,788	28,195	27,492	580,715

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production(a)—Australia.
(£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1933-39.	1945-46.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	5,146	5,473	21,893	23,237	26,567
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,572	6,065	20,946	22,170	26,229
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, Grease	12,456	22,582	63,715	67,835	82,317
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Conveyances	62,435	129,692	413,051	421,275	468,298
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate ..	931	1,376	5,438	5,239	6,406
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)	10,918	22,036	56,584	64,833	78,558
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	3,183	6,850	13,623	15,838	16,613
VIII. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	29,835	81,058	82,786	93,563
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	41,601	61,988	141,053	164,333	177,881
X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood Turning and Carving	9,461	15,590	58,082	58,245	65,731
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200	5,467	19,320	19,315	21,367
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c.	14,559	20,496	68,234	68,293	79,312
XIII. Rubber	2,761	4,182	18,045	16,627	21,102
XIV. Musical Instruments	136	207	1,416	1,378	1,845
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	6,609	17,179	18,353	23,037
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	13,875	25,230	33,055	38,219
Total	203,417	352,323	1,024,867	1,032,862	1,227,045

(a) See note (c) on previous page.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)
(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	233.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1949-50—Males ..	499.33	510.86	446.87	487.39	433.41	465.46	492.20
Females	270.27	291.34	240.93	257.31	231.57	265.37	274.12
1950-51—Males ..	609.05	610.44	516.83	583.37	515.67	558.67	591.41
Females	338.08	355.57	289.82	322.03	279.55	322.46	338.12
1951-52—Males ..	756.84	736.68	625.91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
Females	428.40	436.60	354.96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
1952-53—Males ..	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
Females	473.28	483.46	400.48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
1953-54—Males ..	844.05	833.71	733.34	824.49	754.20	791.86	820.98
Females	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1953-54.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males	305,040	240,698	81,425	70,657	40,439	20,249	758,508
Females	97,555	90,579	16,694	14,846	7,020	4,340	231,034
Masculinity(b) ..	313	266	488	476	576	467	328

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Number of males per 100 females.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES—AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.(a)	Six Months ended December—	
							1954. (a)	1955. (a)
Beer.. ..	Mill. gal.	89	183	192	209	(b) 229	113.9	123.7
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	73.7	149.9	148.3	150.5	149.7	78.7	80.0
Blankets	Thousand	1,147	1,291	939	1,202	1,541	723	787
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	'000 pair.	13,967	18,509	17,709	19,949	19,255	10,549	10,190
Bricks, Clay	Million	721	720	667	802	834	434	441
Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	9.5	23.3	24.3	26.1	27.7	14.7	14.4
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	868	1,237	1,439	1,700	1,922	991	1,028
Cloth, Woven, Woollen(c)	Mill. sq. yds.	31.7	29.1	28.6	32.6	28.2	14.9	13.5
Coal—Black	'000 tons	12,608	19,170	18,545	19,424	19,352	10,331	10,269
Brown	" "	3,663	8,096	8,075	8,731	9,068	4,826	5,271
Confectionery—Chocolate	Mill. lb.	43.5	61.3	59.0	62.6	56.7	25.5	29.8
Other	" "	58.1	78.7	76.6	76.9	80.8	43.4	44.3
Copper, Refined(d)	'000 tons	17.5	17.8	19.1	20.9	30.4	15.4	17.6
Electricity	Mill. kWh	4,688	11,297	12,045	13,707	15,298	7,579	8,419
Electric Motors	Thousand	31.7	610.4	601.7	972.9	1,187.6	624.8	611.8
Enamels, Natural and Synthetic..	'000 gal.	575	2,093	2,108	2,699	3,624	1,884	2,179
Engines, Internal Combustion—								
Marine(e)	Number	2,957	2,112	1,232	1,357	1,316	751	729
Other(f)	" "	2,889	30,431	21,446	27,467	46,753	25,105	28,353
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	7,605	16,470	15,418	16,135	17,375	8,882	9,025
Flour, Wheat	'000 short tons	1,373	1,721	1,726	1,609	1,538	729	763
Fruit, Preserved(g)	Mill. lb.	150.7	256.1	228.4	338.6	313.9	35.9	41.0
Gas(h)	Mill. cub. ft.	21,472	40,391	40,722	42,100	43,322	22,526	23,120
Gold (Mine Production)	'000 fine oz.	1,621	909	1,038	1,111	1,080	568	537
Hosiery—Men's and Boys'	'000 doz. pr.	1,102	1,462	1,575	1,895	1,685	932	800
Women's and Girls'	" "	2,136	1,867	2,337	2,793	3,052	1,610	1,521
Children's	" "	611	462	422	570	421	239	157
Ice Cream	'000 gal.	4,262	17,306	13,425	13,678	14,838	7,434	7,816
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,105	1,430	1,692	1,827	1,865	983	916
Ingot Steel	" "	1,170	1,521	1,801	2,117	2,209	1,172	1,158
Jam		37.9	48.3	34.6	38.3	35.1	13.3	13.7
Lacquers	'000 gal.	576	1,191	1,013	1,307	1,479	746	762
Lead(i)	'000 tons.	233	188	192	236	235	123	112
Malt, Barley and Wheat	'000 bush.	3,733	6,242	6,793	7,253	7,731	3,972	4,058
Margarine—Table	'000 lb.	7,448	15,952	15,856	21,866	21,824	11,268	14,460
Other	" "	31,221	56,168	49,337	49,939	50,072	26,981	22,945
Meat, Canned	'000 tons.	14.4	72.3	92.7	71.5	77.0	39.9	40.0
Newsprint			32.6	34.0	60.4	73.1	36.4	38.8
Paints, Ready Mixed	'000 gal.	2,115	5,513	4,300	5,180	6,252	2,938	3,364
Refrigerators, Domestic	Thousand	29.5	192.8	182.1	274.5	279.3	181.7	153.4
Silver, Refined	'000 fine oz.	9,455	6,681	6,388	8,360	7,627	3,941	4,102
Slippers	'000 pr.	7,704	7,578	6,966	8,558	7,206	3,525	4,005
Soap	'000 cwt.	998	1,305	1,209	1,247	1,268	627	661
Stoves, Cooking(j)Electric(k)	Thousand	(l)	50.9	22.5	37.2	47.2	22.8	24.2
Gas	" "	46.7	51.0	35.7	44.6	59.9	31.0	35.5
Solid Fuel	" "	54.5	71.7	47.0	50.4	50.5	28.4	25.0
Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	339	493	440	449	479	254	250
Sulphate of Ammonia	" "	24.3	63.8	70.2	70.8	77.8	40.1	37.3
Sulphuric Acid (100%)	" "	489	650	627	732	827	384	445
Superphosphate	" "	1,199	1,597	1,581	1,771	1,961	877	1,024
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta	Million	39.7	48.9	58.0	63.8	63.4	32.8	33.0
Cement	" "	4.5	66.5	46.9	44.7	52.5	27.1	28.3
Timber, Sawn Native(m)	Mill. sup. ft.	717	1,393	1,340	1,395	1,438	745	797
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill lb.	23.3	33.5	36.3	41.8	44.8	21.8	23.1
Vegetables, Preserved(n)	" "	10.3	100.4	66.3	40.3	46.9	24.5	33.6
Wool, Scoured	" "	105	121	124	137	136	68	69
Wool Tops	" "	25.2	24.8	26.5	32.8	30.9	15.9	16.1
Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	" "	32.5	36.5	35.6	45.9	42.6	22.1	21.5
Zinc, Refined	'000 tons	69.8	84.1	86.2	99.2	100.5	52.9	53.5

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead in lead bullion, produced for export. (j) Domestic. (k) Excludes stoves, cookers, &c. (l) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (m) Includes sawn sleepers. (n) Includes preserved tomatoes.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION^(a)—AUSTRALIA.^(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	1938-39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.						
Agriculture ..	41,679	218,703	208,130	246,685	276,398	268,460
Pastoral(e) ..	63,820	337,121	704,809	400,493	493,745	491,716
Dairying ..	33,782	81,102	89,352	103,776	135,745	136,956
Poultry ..	7,302	22,228	24,614	31,554	35,213	34,782
Bee-farming(f) ..	123	743	831	774	1,066	1,426
Total Rural ..	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340
Trapping(f) ..	1,422	5,716	6,629	6,713	5,595	5,074
Forestry(f) ..	7,811	23,195	28,428	37,905	41,864	41,720
Fishing and Whaling(f)	1,654	4,234	4,869	5,729	6,897	7,741
Mining and Quarrying	27,375	52,327	71,150	97,199	109,671	104,875
Total Non-Rural ..	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	164,027	159,410
Total All Primary	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,106,194	1,092,750
Factories ..	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,189,056	2,319,795

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture ..	6 0 6	27 6 2	25 3 8	29 1 3	31 16 1	30 6 4
Pastoral(e) ..	9 4 7	42 1 11	85 5 7	47 3 8	56 16 2	55 10 7
Dairying ..	4 17 9	10 2 6	10 16 3	12 4 6	15 12 4	15 9 4
Poultry ..	1 1 1	2 15 7	2 19 7	3 14 4	4 1 1	3 18 7
Bee-farming(f) ..	0 0 4	0 1 11	0 2 0	0 1 10	0 2 5	0 3 2
Total Rural ..	21 4 3	82 8 1	124 7 1	92 5 7	108 8 1	105 8 0
Trapping(f) ..	0 4 1	0 14 3	0 16 1	0 15 10	0 12 11	0 11 6
Forestry(f) ..	1 2 7	2 17 11	3 8 10	4 9 3	4 16 4	4 14 3
Fishing and Whaling(f)	0 4 10	0 10 7	0 11 9	0 13 6	0 15 11	0 17 6
Mining and Quarrying	3 19 2	6 10 9	8 12 2	11 9 0	12 12 4	11 16 10
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 8	10 13 6	13 8 10	17 7 7	18 17 6	18 0 1
Total All Primary	26 14 11	93 1 7	137 15 11	109 13 2	127 5 7	123 8 1
Factories ..	29 8 4	82 12 2	102 2 2	120 14 10	124 11 11	138 11 5
Total All Industries	56 3 3	175 13 9	239 18 1	230 8 0	251 17 6	261 19 6




(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. (b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (d) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (e) Distributions of profits from the 1939-45 Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (f) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a) 1953-54.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION.							
Agriculture]	68,342	65,624	55,471	41,700	23,119	9,204	268,460
Pastoral(c)	202,439	108,930	81,989	47,423	43,784	7,151	491,716
Dairying	43,598	46,202	28,444	10,257	3,695	4,760	136,956
Poultry	14,923	13,991	1,176	2,079	1,634	979	34,782
Bee-farming(d)	464	402	138	189	211	22	1,426
 Total Rural	329,766	235,149	167,218	101,648	77,443	22,116	933,340
Trapping(d)	1,798	2,047	296	411	304	218	5,074
Forestry(d)	12,905	9,475	7,797	4,373	3,615	3,555	41,720
Fishing and Whaling(d)	2,642	834	951	1,015	1,867	432	7,741
Mining and Quarrying	58,042	7,277	12,906	5,051	13,998	6,392	104,875
 Total Non-rural	75,387	19,633	21,950	10,850	19,784	10,597	159,410
 Total All Primary	405,153	254,782	189,168	112,498	97,227	32,713	1,092,750
Factories	520,043	408,314	110,255	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,227,045
Total All Industries..	925,196	663,096	299,423	212,719	152,374	65,778	2,319,795

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agriculture	20 1 4	27 1 8	42 13 1	53 1 1	44 11 8	29 14 11	30 6 4
Pastoral(c)	59 8 11	44 19 2	63 0 11	60 6 9	69 8 5	23 2 2	55 10 7
Dairying	12 16 1	19 1 5	21 17 5	13 1 0	5 17 2	15 7 8	15 9 4
Poultry	4 7 8	5 15 6	0 18 1	2 12 11	2 11 10	3 3 4	3 18 7
Bee-farming(d)	0 2 8	0 3 4	0 2 2	0 4 9	0 6 8	0 1 5	0 3 2
Total Rural	96 16 8	97 1 1	128 11 8	129 6 6	122 15 9	71 9 6	105 8 0
Trapping(d)	0 10 7	0 16 11	0 4 7	0 10 6	0 9 8	0 14 1	0 11 6
Forestry(d)	3 15 10	3 18 3	5 19 11	5 11 3	5 14 7	11 9 10	4 14 3
Fishing and Whaling(d)	0 15 6	0 6 10	0 14 7	1 5 10	2 19 2	1 7 11	0 17 6
Mining and Quarrying	17 0 10	3 0 1	9 18 6	6 8 6	22 3 11	20 13 2	11 16 10
Total Non-Rural	22 2 9	8 2 1	16 17 7	13 16 1	31 7 4	34 5 0	18 0 1
Total All Primary	118 19 5	105 3 2	145 9 3	143 2 7	154 3 1	105 14 6	123 8 1
Factories	152 14 3	168 10 7	84 15 8	127 10 3	87 8 8	106 17 3	138 11 5
Total All Industries..	271 13 8	273 13 9	230 4 11	270 12 10	241 11 9	212 11 9	261 19 6

(a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c.
and Northern Territory except for Mining and Quarrying.
War-time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory
(c) Distributions of profits from the War-time
(d) Local value.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1955.(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
 (£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Houses ..	39,064	34,931	9,175	11,619	12,522	3,430	1,195	602	112,538
Flats ..	834	1,213	178	151	536	149	..	..	3,061
Shops ..	2,331	1,986	743	373	630	73	199	106	6,441
Business Premises—									
Office ..	2,128	1,195	261	134	200	43	356	120	4,287
Other ..	2,259	1,211	2,026	880	537	377			
Factories ..	4,464	8,022	678	1,496	1,319	1,790	434	103	17,819
Hotels, Guest Houses, &c. ..	1,915	857	382	(a)	(a)	(a)			
Educational ..	2,992	1,950	637	310	454	179			
Religious ..	701	357	165	(a)	(a)	(a)			
Health ..	2,184	371	1,172	212	1,509	(a)			
Clubs, Halls, &c. ..	773	364	138	51	172	37			
Miscellaneous ..	4,006	1,384	456	313	546	203			7,290
Total ..	63,651	53,841	16,011	15,747	18,596	6,330	2,184	1,021	177,381

(a) Confidential.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)
 (£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.									
1950-51 ..	(a)79,750	74,750	21,082	17,827	14,186	10,336	2,439	(b)	(a)220,370
1951-52 ..	83,460	78,740	27,605	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	(b)	244,698
1952-53 ..	71,005	60,244	25,680	25,819	20,919	6,611	2,788	(b)	213,066
1953-54 ..	111,097	87,733	27,839	25,649	20,369	9,224	2,856	(b)	290,767
1954-55 ..	124,420	101,995	32,073	29,946	35,458	10,836	5,932	1,605	342,265
Six months Ended—									
December, 1954 ..	60,675	48,099	14,803	13,809	18,007	5,308	3,197	747	164,645
December, 1955 ..	63,171	57,837	17,068	24,050	15,019	4,749	3,513	1,174	191,581

COMPLETED.

1950-51 ..	(a)49,466	52,058	17,286	12,042	8,948	8,403	1,717	(b)	(a)149,920
1951-52 ..	76,207	68,615	25,339	18,123	14,426	10,511	2,723	(b)	215,944
1952-53 ..	98,049	76,107	26,233	25,882	22,918	10,665	2,875	(b)	262,729
1953-54 ..	101,545	84,747	25,913	26,108	25,785	9,692	3,878	(b)	277,668
1954-55 ..	110,694	97,216	28,318	27,081	34,096	10,649	2,943	1,653	312,650
Six Months Ended—									
December, 1954 ..	56,953	47,941	13,327	14,707	16,102	5,193	1,735	745	156,703
December, 1955 ..	63,651	53,841	16,011	15,747	18,596	6,330	2,184	1,021	177,381

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1950-51 ..	(a)102,708	85,058	15,653	17,272	15,942	12,178	5,302	(b)	254,113
1951-52 ..	125,674	102,670	18,728	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,208	(b)	313,165
1952-53 ..	105,261	94,017	17,838	25,253	23,189	10,494	7,161	(b)	283,213
1953-54 ..	120,460	100,753	19,699	23,730	25,701	11,782	7,240	(b)	309,374
1954-55 ..	136,522	108,247	23,446	26,854	29,102	12,399	10,643	1,573	348,786
December, 1954 ..	125,906	102,740	21,029	22,999	28,704	12,239	8,939	1,622	324,268
December, 1954 ..	145,482	114,330	24,727	35,517	28,202	10,968	12,065	1,741	373,032

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	2,730	3,527	375	3,162	1,728	284	168	15	11,989
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	3,970	7,483	2,863	76	104	901	119	4	15,580
Fibro Cement ..	6,790	724	634	653	2,451	49	1	134	11,436
Other ..	16	137	32	12	7	..	..	3	207
Total ..	13,506	11,871	3,904	3,903	4,290	1,294	288	156	39,212

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

1950-51 ..	(a)25,162	26,949	10,698	7,966	6,970	4,122	877	(b)	(a)82,744
1951-52 ..	24,364	23,506	11,995	8,510	7,730	3,584	312	(b)	80,001
1952-53 ..	21,030	16,254	9,381	7,967	7,012	2,285	528	(b)	64,457
1953-54 ..	28,395	20,915	8,513	6,792	7,608	2,665	355	(b)	75,243
1954-55 ..	25,502	22,674	7,784	7,190	8,575	2,867	640	249	75,481
Six Months Ended—									
December, 1954..	13,329	11,634	4,079	3,398	4,749	1,416	227	98	38,930
December, 1955..	13,130	10,759	3,740	4,469	3,634	1,234	337	158	37,461

COMPLETED.

1950-51 ..	(a)19,771	21,161	10,275	6,725	5,160	3,914	574	(b)	(a)67,580
1951-52 ..	23,351	23,951	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	(b)	77,976
1952-53 ..	24,890	21,033	10,598	8,940	7,965	3,314	590	(b)	77,330
1953-54 ..	26,513	21,385	8,961	7,522	7,627	2,630	552	(b)	75,190
1954-55 ..	28,882	23,560	7,925	7,323	8,792	2,480	398	199	79,559
Six Months Ended—									
December, 1954..	14,975	12,091	3,834	3,944	4,310	1,296	241	87	40,778
December, 1955..	13,506	11,871	3,904	3,903	4,290	1,294	288	156	39,212

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1950-51 ..	(a)31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	(b)	(a)80,909
1951-52 ..	32,806	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	(b)	83,000
1952-53 ..	28,946	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(b)	70,092
1953-54 ..	30,828	21,581	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	(b)	70,159
1954-55 ..	27,448	20,692	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	211	66,224
December, 1954 ..	29,182	21,124	3,715	5,198	6,371	2,269	435	172	68,466
December, 1955 ..	27,072	19,580	3,165	6,165	5,052	2,476	740	213	64,463

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
1950-51 ..	966	333	26	..	305	18	36	(b)	1,684
1951-52 ..	1,225	416	29	..	215	21	100	(b)	2,006
1952-53 ..	1,664	692	53	58	100	14	46	(b)	2,627
1953-54 ..	1,011	689	156	99	212	13	..	(b)	2,180
1954-55 ..	701	781	309	105	316	48	12	(c)	2,272
Six Months Ended—									
December, 1954..	388	442	187	47	160	27	4	(c)	1,255
December, 1955(d)	369	520	106	68	241	41	..	(c)	1,345

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available. (c) Included with houses. (d) In this period 1,498 flats were commenced, and 2,999 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV.—Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	429,104	210,148	280,537	346,096
Victoria	40,463	363,193	173,775	237,683	297,494
Queensland	9,070	86,427	43,222	55,631	68,883
South Australia	6,670	93,081	43,275	51,472	64,804
Western Australia	6,137	60,236	29,874	42,595	50,648
Tasmania	1,292	20,711	13,315	13,049	15,129
Northern Territory	34	720	500	642	688
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..
Australia	116,754	1,053,423	514,109	631,609	843,742
EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,903	201,460	270,082	263,175	220,657
Victoria	30,819	185,994	228,118	203,581	126,572
Queensland	28,652	95,975	145,098	165,105	154,483
South Australia	14,841	97,251	122,948	110,249	95,079
Western Australia	17,070	75,781	83,143	68,459	68,507
Tasmania	3,198	18,512	21,849	17,733	18,762
Northern Territory	13	35	34	30	104
Australia	140,496	675,008	871,272	828,332	774,164

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.
(£.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.				
			Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Re-exports.	Total.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39	257,250	116,754	135,476	5,020	140,496	37.1	16.8	19.6	0.7	20.3
1951-52	1,728,431	1,053,423	667,059	7,949	675,008	202.6	123.5	78.2	0.9	79.1
1952-53	1,385,381	514,109	863,291	7,981	871,272	158.6	58.9	98.8	0.9	99.7
1953-54	1,509,941	631,609	820,057	8,275	828,332	169.6	70.6	92.1	0.9	93.0
1954-55	1,617,906	843,742	765,883	8,281	774,164	178.0	92.8	84.3	0.9	85.2
Six months ended—										
December, 1954	754,721	391,832	358,508	4,381	362,889	83.6	43.4	39.7	0.5	40.2
December, 1955	801,834	413,474	381,504	6,856	388,360	86.6	44.7	41.2	0.7	41.9

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' stores in £A'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1951-52, £10,478; 1952-53, £11,696; 1953-54, £10,266; and 1954-55, £13,181.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)		
	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
1938-39	118,217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742
1951-52	1,049,751	3,672	1,053,423	665,240	9,768	675,008	-384,511	+6,098	-378,413
1952-53	510,342	3,767	514,109	848,498	22,774	871,272	+338,156	+19,007	+357,163
1953-54	678,590	3,019	681,609	811,866	16,466	828,332	+133,276	+13,447	+146,723
1954-55	840,972	2,770	843,742	758,041	16,123	774,164	-82,931	+13,353	-69,578
Six months ended—									
December, 1954	390,632	1,200	391,832	357,437	5,452	362,889	-33,195	+4,252	-28,943
December, 1955	412,653	821	413,474	378,673	9,687	388,360	-33,980	+8,866	-25,114

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium. (a)	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	802	..	193	..	1	..	381	9	381	..	1	2
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	372	112	159	4,123	848	92	159	3	11	..	6	201
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	948	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	618	..	21	..	36	..	..	..	101	..	..	2
5. Live animals ..	70	..	98	..	5	2	125	1	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances, not food-stuffs ..	193	..	7	..	211	..	594	..	25	..	1	1
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	397	..	8	126	670	92	619	3	201	..	135	21
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	27,484	..	23	12	10,377	11	8	1	1	..	1,318	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	414	3,186	..	..	1,023	..	43	802	6	8,627	19	76
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	1,428	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	224	..	688	11	49	67	7	..	794	..	10	2
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	99,900	..	5,648	..	14	132	137	9	38	1	1,853	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1,726	31	226	65	16	7,608	15	2	2	..	1	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	174	931	2,794	..	4	917	799	6	..	..	3	332
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	4,432	..	73	..	4	..	13	..	..	..	643	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	11,581	..	2,093	..	51	1	893	..	25	..	45	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	1,858	..	..	9	15	..	1	..	311	..	97	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	2,870	..	59	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	21	..
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products &c. ..	7,348	..	106	14	5	4	40	..	155	17	86	4
20. Miscellaneous ..	15,355	..	494	108	141	57	163	36	97	2	233	4
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	114	..	..	..	..	..
Six months ended—												
December, 1955 ..	178,194	4,263	12,693	4,468	13,471	8,983	4,094	872	2,151	8,647	4,475	645
December, 1954 ..	175,344	9,229	10,977	9,298	12,529	5,771	3,851	1,250	2,391	7,928	4,971	1,318
Year 1954-55 ..	378,669	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,349	15,319	10,669	2,132
„ 1953-54 ..	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8,599	3,375	16,410	7,063	1,851
„ 1952-53 ..	214,702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5,506	901
„ 1951-52 ..	465,706	6,903	23,559	11,173	47,825	18,632	7,410	8,764	4,418	13,068	27,528	7,365
„ 1938-39 ..	46,094	215	8,806	957	3,272	1,029	2,087	(b)	291	744	1,122	81

(a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

(b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	Czecho- slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Iran (Persia).	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total All Coun- tries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	4	4	75	..	49	1,093	46	383	..	5	62	4,242
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	2	56	24	857	508	7	543	1	..	3	47	9,636
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	4	127	5	..	26	..	11	..	..	..	1	1,164
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	5	74	..	..	60	..	..	..	4,899	9,130
5. Live animals ..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	239
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	..	31	6	..	21	6	8	4	..	10	17	1,996
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures; and synthetic fibres	..	65	226	395	158	28	73	22	18	48	1,787	8,807
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	530	2,748	2,286	4	2,584	4,836	2,076	26	5	127	304	59,721
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	656	62	9,138	89	22	635	10	10,020	15	3,803	47,943
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	6	243	..	7	263	18	3	..	..	636	2,819
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	..	5	50	..	30	5	9	5	..	42	1,176	3,752
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	270	3,287	7,322	1	1,531	4,753	1,586	525	..	1,848	25,205	158,387
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	1	95	76	21	78	11	3	..	..	20	1,041	11,793
14. Wood and wicker ..	10	17	27	72	21	101	12	139	..	535	1,832	9,819
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	245	198	551	..	121	649	45	13	..	86	206	7,577
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	67	85	458	..	145	161	335	1,345	..	3,222	731	23,073
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	131	72	1,467	1	155	611	56	34	..	25	8	6,365
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	14	59	897	..	135	148	58	..	..	11	863	5,482
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	6	591	1,890	..	138	155	650	35	..	106	1,357	15,310
20. Miscellaneous ..	94	285	1,507	63	588	322	767	78	1	372	2,779	25,398
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	821
Six months ended—												
December, 1955 ..	1,378	8,410	17,177	10,626	6,384	13,171	6,991	2,623	10,044	6,465	46,765	413,474
December, 1954 ..	1,289	6,671	14,749	12,011	5,903	6,946	6,342	3,035	86	6,225	45,520	391,832
Year 1954-55 ..	2,331	14,689	30,838	22,529	11,740	18,422	13,081	6,510	5,934	13,516	102,157	843,742
„ 1953-54 ..	2,147	11,793	21,365	21,972	11,182	6,545	9,618	4,737	..	10,230	73,254	681,609
„ 1952-53 ..	1,019	9,253	13,582	21,544	5,225	4,692	5,954	2,420	323	6,783	85,168	514,100
„ 1951-52 ..	6,513	22,390	32,718	25,530	27,712	43,582	14,975	11,650	2,292	27,587	109,141	1,053,423
„ 1938-39 ..	572	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16,699	(b) 116,754

(a) Pre-War Germany.

(b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

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OVERSEA TRADE.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic of	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium (a)	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	48,580	957	881	636	812	1	1,398	46	2,425	31	333	341
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; non-alcoholic beverages ..	22,263	4,597	2,392	815	109	311	1,537	6,984	1,440	17	222	89
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	204	110	1	7	3	..	15	53	18	..	..	..
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	12	12	1	..	1	169	8	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	1	..	2	12	1	..	5	54	178	..	2	..
6. Animal substances, not food-stuffs ..	44,094	1,246	21	480	834	472	..	242	13	243	10,848	287
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufactures; and synthetic fibres ..	147	7	1	1	2	..	1	128	2	15	1	..
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	120	19	1	6	2	..	3	246	7	5	13	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	1,406	1	75	9	127	..	101	1,730	348	104	8	71
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	9	..	2	10	..	..	4	207	13	..	..	..
11. Rocks, minerals and hydrocarbons ..	2,421	2	..	..	13	..	3	338	1	11	1,153	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	11,252	47	67	252	1,490	..	345	6,212	313	594	44	13
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	742	1	1	224	5	..	35	200	52	32	..	..
14. Wood and wicker ..	259	19	5	8	4	2	5	1,047	2	99	1	10
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	13	..	..	..	12	..	1	263	10	2	..	..
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufactures and stationery ..	158	1	11	..	3	..	6	946	23	22	..	..
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-pieces ..	22	9	19	4	..	..	..	111	2	17	3	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	37	1	..	9	4	..	8	283	9	18	..	1
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	285	21	28	35	35	..	86	756	50	36	88	6
20. Miscellaneous ..	968	31	162	283	79	2	1,354	1,775	511	57	4	9
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie ..	64	1	1,325	8,099	..	..	..	83	..	1	..	..
Six months ended—												
December, 1955 ..	133,045	7,070	5,006	10,902	3,536	788	4,908	21,823	5,425	1,304	12,720	827
December, 1954 ..	140,160	6,434	4,054	6,572	8,423	1,904	3,586	19,107	5,804	1,290	14,660	1,017
Year 1954-55 ..	285,506	10,503	8,723	17,315	19,428	3,292	8,410	37,794	11,600	2,869	31,252	1,878
" 1953-54 ..	300,765	11,037	11,847	7,773	14,293	2,186	9,143	33,469	11,288	3,588	32,663	3,073
" 1952-53 ..	359,257	8,712	14,687	4,855	17,148	4,354	9,344	28,677	12,794	3,640	32,141	3,374
" 1951-52 ..	208,159	9,177	10,630	3,800	16,911	2,426	8,532	37,321	11,810	3,528	24,940	8,976
" 1938-39 ..	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(b)	813	5,547	601

(a) Includes Luxembourg prior to 1954-55.

(b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Iran (Persia.)	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	227	1,286	148	715	164	100	38	..	35	..	912	65,681
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; non-alcoholic beverages ..	34	715	2,375	307	7,924	492	10	..	13	..	14	63,416
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	..	..	1	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	1	720
4. Tobacco ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	347
5. Live animals ..	..	..	..	..	54	5	..	..	..	..	41	670
6. Animal substances, not food- stuffs ..	36,455	11,438	28	12,536	26,955	1,048	5	3,635	648	..	13,270	174,470
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac- tures and synthetic fibres ..	5	5	2	13	..	9	..	..	1	..	381	788
8. Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles and apparel ..	7	46	2	305	18	19	..	..	..	..	63	1,154
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	2	398	2	191	222	4	4	..	160	..	29	6,278
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	498
11. Rocks, minerals and hydro- carbons ..	179	209	..	434	574	374	..	37	81	..	4,787	11,256
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	47	80	223	319	586	73	..	..	56	..	6,753	32,798
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	1	..	13	1	3	..	..	11	..	8	1,589
14. Wood and wicker ..	..	6	2	1	..	43	..	..	..	..	1	1,818
15. Earthenware, cement, china, glass and stoneware ..	1	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	489
16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery ..	4	2	12	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1,436
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time- pieces ..	..	21	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	40	291
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	3	12	2	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	16	557
19. Chemicals, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, &c. ..	50	123	36	5	307	21	..	..	26	..	343	2,840
20. Miscellaneous ..	23	53	22	61	319	178	..	1	15	..	365	11,568
21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	9,687
Six months ended—												
December, 1955 ..	37,037	14,395	2,865	14,918	37,171	2,369	57	3,673	1,047	..	27,044	388,360
December, 1954 ..	32,199	16,572	1,846	16,061	22,102	4,189	98	2,940	1,070	..	23,384	362,889
Year 1954-55 ..	64,056	31,823	3,702	35,915	58,572	6,857	292	6,243	3,241	154	52,440	774,164
„ 1953-54 ..	74,401	27,096	6,585	51,326	55,689	5,578	198	7,286	3,601	26,146	55,534	828,332
„ 1952-53 ..	76,016	22,366	5,064	44,706	83,958	8,081	327	3,644	2,888	1,642	57,837	871,272
„ 1951-52 ..	57,875	20,389	3,967	37,998	48,514	11,353	439	5,008	6,086	..	77,215	675,008
„ 1938-39 ..	9,386	(a) 2,652	1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	637	278	19,562	140,496

(a) Pre-War Germany.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.
(£A'000.)

Statistical Class and Excise Division.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CUSTOMS.				
1. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	85	125	171	238
2. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin	360	358	797	601
3. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	715	778	1,407	1,418
4. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	3,993	3,304	8,021	6,665
5. Live Animals .. ..	..	..	..	..
6. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs	3	..	4	7
7. Vegetable Substances and Fibres	58	65	109	130
8a. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	161	104	327	255
8b. Textiles	2,130	2,221	5,003	4,962
8c. Apparel	626	614	1,298	1,341
9. Oils, Fats and Waxes	5,718	5,045	11,274	9,838
10. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	37	34	65	71
11. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	11	10	20	20
12a. Metals and Metal Manufactures	3,278	3,084	6,864	6,378
12b. Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances &c.	515	633	1,118	1,283
12c. Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	2,020	2,009	4,173	3,914
13a. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	346	298	680	670
13b. Leather and Leather Manufactures	19	25	43	52
14. Wood and Wicker, raw and Manufactured	373	369	686	842
15. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware	528	608	1,084	1,289
16a. Pulp, Paper and Board	203	153	436	327
16b. Paper Manufactures and Stationery	136	164	304	334
17. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery and Timepieces	908	870	1,789	1,880
18. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments, &c. ...	289	336	595	657
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, &c. ...	314	325	621	654
20. Miscellaneous Goods (including Passengers' Baggage and Post Office Collections)	508	638	1,049	1,321
Sundry Undistributed Duties	36	44	87	118
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	8	3	13	6
Customs other Miscellaneous Receipts	92	81	190	147
Total Customs	23,470	22,298	48,228	45,418
Primage	2,121	2,002	4,368	4,289
Total Customs and Primage	25,591	24,300	52,596	49,707
EXCISE.				
Beer	21,625	23,012	38,284	40,954
Spirits	1,582	1,773	3,429	3,756
Tobacco	4,075	3,519	7,811	7,176
Cigars and Cigarettes	7,407	8,663	13,834	16,917
Petrol	3,230	4,478	6,367	8,653
Playing Cards	11	..	25	24
Cigarette Papers and Tubes	266	238	518	463
Matches	284	275	564	549
Coal	164	161	323	311
Other Excise including Licences	137	147	265	293
Total Excise	38,784	42,277	71,420	79,096
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue	64,375	66,577	124,016	128,803
Refunds and Drawback Paid	1,432	1,591	3,035	3,523
Total Net Customs Primage and Excise Revenue	62,943	64,986	120,981	125,280

**VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM
AUSTRALIA.**

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Cheese	83	72	168	186
Fish—				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	334	425	619	929
Preserved in airtight containers ..	785	1,182	1,697	2,330
Other	127	137	261	339
Lactose	26	48	52	90
Meats—				
Sausage casings (excluding synthetic)	131	96	290	202
Other	7	14	25	46
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	56	71	127	120
Total, Class I.	1,549	2,045	3,239	4,242
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Cocoa butter	501	192	1,266	647
Cocoa beans, shells, mass, paste or slab ..	182	214	1,213	463
Coffee and chicory	519	401	1,045	656
Confectionery, including cocoa and choco- late	58	66	128	166
Fruit, dried, dates	209	1	209	13
Grain and pulse	18	100	150	180
Hops	20	102	84	158
Nuts, edible	251	220	624	625
Pickles and sauces	35	29	59	56
Sago and tapioca	10	16	32	55
Spices	213	156	437	349
Sugar and sugar syrups	25	16	57	23
Tea	3,712	3,920	9,811	5,445
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	145	130	290	380
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	196	235	336	420
Total, Class II.	6,094	5,798	15,741	9,636
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	7	9	19	17
Spirits (beverages)—				
Whisky	437	470	788	873
Other	80	112	144	210
Wine, fermented	36	36	59	64
Total, Class III.	560	627	1,010	1,164

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment).

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes	491	250	1,061	611
Cigars	37	37	58	66
Snuff .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	36	35	59	56
Unmanufactured	3,631	4,655	5,757	8,396
Total, Class IV.	4,195	4,977	6,935	9,130
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	64	56	205	239
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Coarse hair and fibre	122	296	253	494
Hides and skins—				
Calf and cattle	42	15	80	41
Furred skins	145	180	297	323
Goat	58	48	174	117
Other	26	38	43	52
Shells	56	64	117	123
Silk, raw	18	..	31	5
Wool	251	374	733	723
Other animal substances	43	59	94	118
Total, Class VI.	761	1,074	1,822	1,996
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Copra	402	535	1,061	1,035
Cork and manufactures	149	133	287	305
Fibres—				
Coir	56	62	116	116
Cotton, raw	1,605	1,886	4,284	3,138
Flax and hemp	28	126	68	143
Jute	266	181	384	335
Kapok	100	74	221	171
Synthetic fibres and filaments	304	355	554	713
Other	269	473	687	719
Gums and resins	254	409	632	921
Seeds—				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural	231	305	593	671
Oil seeds	56	40	133	154
Tanning substances	132	158	274	306
Other vegetable substances	62	32	117	80
Total, Class VII.	3,914	4,769	9,411	8,807

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	1,589	1,668	5,028	5,479
Woolpacks	480	229	1,059	904
Other	24	119	43	189
Cordage and twines and manufac- tures thereof	90	94	189	203
Sewing and other cotton ..	480	483	1,019	1,089
Yarns—				
Cotton	713	662	1,548	1,212
Hair	21	57	76	97
Synthetic fibre	2,062	2,348	4,394	4,674
Woollen	45	54	100	75
Other	16	32	40	87
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	14	7	25	13
Total, Class VIII.(a)	5,534	5,753	13,521	14,022
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing ..	50	54	102	90
Floor coverings	2,395	2,761	6,096	5,579
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery—				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	391	418	929	985
Other	158	154	337	332
Piece-goods—				
Canvas and duck	410	341	736	685
Cotton and linen	8,183	7,672	21,329	18,917
Fabrics and felts, impregnated..	218	246	492	474
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	539	757	1,229	1,772
Synthetic fibre	2,986	2,873	7,672	7,406
Silk	187	179	465	526
Velvets, velveteens, &c. ..	312	330	533	532
Woollen	388	476	682	705
Felts	105	174	222	328
Other	223	207	488	446
Towels and towelling	351	293	748	572
Other textiles	126	193	299	357
Total, Class VIII.(b)	17,022	17,128	42,359	39,706
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Buttons, including snap fasteners..	76	82	159	164
Footwear	211	219	496	532
Garments—				
Knitted—				
Hosiery	337	191	576	311
Outerwear	102	54	189	104
Underwear	68	47	134	65
Other	19	54	44	90

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued.*
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—<i>continued.</i>				
(c) <i>Apparel—continued.</i>				
Garments— <i>continued.</i>				
Not knitted—				
Outerwear	183	238	340	425
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments	92	105	147	222
Gloves	362	279	829	646
Hats and caps	205	225	485	462
Trimmings and ornaments—				
Embroidery in the piece ..	104	199	229	456
Lace, nets and veilings ..	603	446	1,413	1,228
Ribbons and galloons ..	80	68	220	159
Other	260	276	569	653
Other apparel	264	234	527	476
Total, Class VIII.(c)	2,966	2,717	6,357	5,993
Total, Class VIII.	25,522	25,598	62,237	59,721
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats, greases and waxes	333	196	737	415
Oils—				
Castor	82	76	95	95
Linseed	178	310	701	743
Olive	154	156	355	377
Peanut (china)	63	84	177	175
Petroleum—				
Crude	5,534	9,521	11,691	18,099
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	1,579	1,599	3,793	3,685
Lubricating (mineral)	1,185	1,361	2,525	2,580
Residual and solar	3,421	1,362	8,016	3,917
Spirit	7,917	6,970	16,869	15,815
Turpentine substitutes	222	362	463	567
Other	127	570	286	761
Tung (china wood)	91	134	162	234
Other	369	187	801	480
Total, Class IX.	21,255	22,888	46,671	47,943
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Colour pigments—				
Black	336	544	718	760
Titanium oxide and titanium white ..	279	300	479	564
Other	213	242	452	470
Dyes, natural and synthetic	372	442	777	886
Paints, colours and varnishes	66	72	133	139
Total, Class X.	1,266	1,600	2,559	2,819

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Abrasives (natural)	138	160	271	295
Asbestos	911	665	1,623	1,411
Sulphur	622	728	1,254	1,223
Other rocks, minerals, &c. .. .	490	455	933	823
Total, Class XI. .. .	2,161	2,008	4,081	3,752
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)	1,047	1,394	1,787	2,498
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	159	159	326	320
Chain and chains of base metal ..	130	180	290	368
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—				
Pig	2,536	965	3,617	2,056
Other	562	572	887	935
Cutlery	532	638	1,200	1,286
Fencing posts and droppers ..	199	113	450	290
Heating and cooking appliances ..	276	386	582	704
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c...	1,858	4,241	3,133	7,640
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form)	206	487	355	759
Pig, scrap and powder	2	4	5	7
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor	522	335	1,257	770
Plate and sheet—				
Galvanized	1,681	898	3,428	1,767
Plain	1,734	1,813	3,605	3,918
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated	3,492	3,529	6,368	5,727
Structural	720	1,526	1,323	2,140
Kitchenware	90	144	203	261
Lamps and lampware	101	166	223	350
Leaf and foil	179	307	379	628
Meters and parts	583	648	1,267	1,156
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners	56	78	139	174
Tin	63	117	120	155
Tools of trade	1,050	1,175	2,182	2,252
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and parts	2,112	2,110	3,274	3,506
Cycles and cycle parts	140	205	306	392
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c. ..	347	331	748	615
Motor vehicles—				
Complete	16,052	3,478	34,340	6,750
Bodies and parts		1,761		3,347
Chassis and parts		13,114		27,463
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts	250	225	709	602
Other and parts	511	849	1,400	1,791

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—<i>continued</i>.				
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.</i>				
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	394	1,018	784	2,060
Copper and copper base alloys ..	17	19	87	33
Other	56	82	122	168
Wire manufactures—*				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor ..	11	75	86	163
Iron and steel	470	555	860	1,113
Other	8	13	18	20
Other metals and semi-manufactures†	440	553	827	915
Other metal manufactures ..	2,115	2,247	4,375	4,239
Total, Class XII.(a)	40,701	46,510	81,062	89,338
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	104	107	188	184
Cable and wire, covered ..	300	504	891	1,079
Communication equipment including radio and television ..	743	1,266	1,848	2,465
Dynamo electrical machines—				
Electrical motors	805	1,006	1,555	1,731
Other	613	955	1,835	1,889
Heating and cooking appliances ..	223	288	490	578
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—				
Sparking plugs and parts ..	102	78	274	182
Other	55	62	137	137
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c. ..	412	387	820	751
Measuring and recording instruments	110	305	314	781
Protective equipment	142	299	324	527
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus	935	1,405	2,086	2,593
Transformers and rectifiers ..	479	1,134	1,092	1,882
Other electrical machinery and appliances	604	885	1,324	1,670
Total, Class XII.(b)	5,627	8,681	13,178	16,449
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Air and gas compressors ..	323	228	616	536
Agricultural, horticultural, &c., machinery—				
Harvesting	769	715	2,038	1,607
Other	675	642	1,279	1,891
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	248	202	579	365
Dairying machinery	182	243	362	500
Hand tools (power driven) ..	473	516	935	944

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII.(b).
in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

† Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—continued.</i>				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	194	107	396	212
Washing machines	283	161	618	313
Other	171	129	353	289
Metal-working machinery—				
Machine tools	1,059	1,917	2,308	3,445
Other	797	989	1,474	2,099
Motive power machinery—				
Aircraft engines and parts	1,057	1,625	2,432	3,067
Power boilers and parts	234	305	402	513
Tractors and parts	5,022	4,956	10,577	8,540
Turbines and parts	257	841	746	1,502
Other and parts	2,882	3,034	6,375	6,249
Office and accounting machines	1,272	1,645	2,502	3,280
Printing machinery	386	839	938	1,483
Pumps	225	322	474	612
Refrigerating appliances	330	235	682	422
Roller and ball bearings	537	817	1,102	1,608
Sewing machines	1,275	858	2,126	1,821
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery	1,841	1,939	4,096	3,414
Textile-working machinery and appliances—				
Knitting machines	246	192	601	480
Other	490	797	1,306	1,440
Other machines and machinery	2,854	3,224	5,617	5,968
Total, Class XII.(c)	24,082	27,478	50,934	52,600
Total, Class XII.	70,410	82,669	145,174	158,387
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures—</i>				
Rubber—				
Crude, waste and masticated	3,100	3,968	5,415	8,420
Substitutes	69	615	124	767
Rubber manufactures—				
Elastics and rubber thread	219	256	601	511
Tyres and tubes	411	472	1,018	985
Other	204	295	448	715
Total, Class XIII.(a)	4,003	5,606	7,606	11,398
<i>(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather	80	91	177	193
Leather manufactures	78	105	168	202
Total, Class XIII.(b)	158	196	345	395
Total, Class XIII.	4,161	5,802	7,951	11,793

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	346	489	648	1,033
Timber—				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	561	340	981	851
Undressed (including logs)	3,220	3,402	5,784	7,841
Wicker, bamboo and cane	55	44	102	94
Total, Class XIV.	4,182	4,275	7,515	9,819
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Abrasives (synthetic)	196	201	420	371
Cement	282	34	465	144
Crockery and other householdware ..	1,131	1,302	2,595	2,765
Glass	891	989	2,048	1,758
Glassware	614	614	1,205	1,372
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	44	124	111	259
Tiles	258	309	571	666
Other earthenware, china, &c.	86	144	146	242
Total, Class XV.	3,502	3,717	7,561	7,577
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
<i>(a) Pulp, Paper and Board—</i>				
Millboard and other boards ..	476	390	925	799
Paper—				
Printings—				
Newsprint	2,807	3,156	5,503	6,272
Other	1,149	1,314	2,271	2,603
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette)	532	355	1,111	874
Wrapping and bag papers	917	828	1,898	1,555
Writing and typewriting	414	565	761	1,093
Other	338	477	775	868
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	1,173	1,647	2,463	2,787
Total, Class XVI.(a)	7,806	8,732	15,707	16,851
<i>(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), directories, &c. ..	1,442	1,970	3,056	3,765
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	342	282	626	575
Other	100	75	184	151
Other paper manufactures, stationery, &c.	625	921	1,440	1,731
Total, Class XVI.(b)	2,509	3,248	5,306	6,222
Total, Class XVI.	10,315	11,980	21,013	23,073

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES.				
Fancy goods.. ..	491	498	966	1,091
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery..	488	379	984	820
Precious stones, unset	400	278	624	565
Sporting material	138	153	310	316
Timepieces—				
Clocks and clock movements.. ..	330	350	721	759
Watches and watch movements	669	669	1,139	1,222
Toys	604	640	1,443	1,592
Total, Class XVII.	3,120	2,967	6,187	6,365
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.L.				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor	453	515	839	915
Cinematographs	152	141	291	253
Films for cinematographs	446	434	866	817
Photographic goods	128	185	261	309
Instruments and materials—				
Optical and ophthalmic	317	310	742	770
Surgical and dental.. ..	509	636	1,046	1,218
Other scientific instruments and materials	468	651	1,100	1,200
Total, Class XVIII.	2,473	2,872	5,145	5,482
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	356	250	670	547
Additives for petroleum oils	293	288	473	612
Alcohols and spirits	179	186	416	366
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	449	312	867	556
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	126	115	270	222
Other	1,243	1,875	2,315	3,278
Essential oils	116	149	259	276
Fertilizers—				
Potash salts	68	76	285	328
Rock phosphates	561	730	1,171	1,596
Other	309	221	815	321
Perfumery and toilet preparations	198	194	385	395
Soap and soap substitutes	143	200	266	444
Sodium cyanide	31	52	90	106
Styrene (monomer)	106	173	193	252
Tetraethyl lead	164	160	296	230
Chemical compounds, n.e.i.	2,229	2,875	4,258	5,250
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	220	263	428	531
Total, Class XIX.	6,791	8,119	13,457	15,310

Value of Commodities, &c.—Imports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	123	55	237	123
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	351	238	948	558
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c. ..	244	234	546	521
Brushware	86	105	190	189
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	504	846	1,130	2,832
Musical instruments and parts—				
Gramophones, &c., including records ..	245	432	499	801
Other	155	197	326	384
Outside packages	3,439	3,756	7,337	7,372
Packings for engines, boilers, &c. ..	290	369	623	665
Passengers' effects	667	1,056	1,284	1,839
Prefabricated buildings	254	285	738	381
Specialized equipment for large-scale projects—				
Electric power station	21	55	149	72
Oil refining	253	146	649	418
Other	663	357	1,239	708
Synthetic resins	1,294	951	2,628	1,944
Vessels (ships)	1,413	264	1,454	2,589
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	198	197	374	495
All other articles	1,105	1,703	2,367	3,507
Total, Class XX.	11,305	11,246	22,718	25,398
Total, Merchandise	183,600	205,087	390,632	412,653
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	676	168	1,172	799
Silver, including silver in matte	19	3	28	22
Total, Class XXI.	695	171	1,200	821
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	74,878	85,397	155,195	166,621
Victoria	67,448	71,824	141,445	149,966
Queensland	15,190	15,519	34,250	32,009
South Australia	13,422	16,869	30,606	33,851
Western Australia	10,428	12,340	23,326	24,462
Tasmania	2,915	3,008	6,808	6,034
Northern Territory	14	301	202	531
GRAND TOTAL	184,295	205,258	391,832	413,474

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	7,706	11,384	9,563	15,332
Cheese	1,871	1,319	2,420	1,829
Eggs	3,033	2,925	4,255	4,125
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process ..	82	78	204	319
Ghee	96	81	180	188
Honey	175	284	340	545
Infants' and invalids' foods	231	450	641	761
Margarine	19	8	28	17
Meats—				
Bacon and hams	126	83	241	131
Meat extracts	114	320	440	507
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	5,458	7,979	12,492	15,355
Lamb	6,500	5,609	7,316	5,852
Mutton	555	746	818	972
Offals	791	1,104	1,304	1,846
Pork	176	99	478	201
Poultry	114	156	402	288
Rabbit and hare	201	272	765	799
Preserved in airtight containers ..	4,455	5,539	11,706	10,553
Sausage casings	520	(a) 712	899	(a) 1,065
Other	232	112	437	216
Milk and cream—				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated ..	1,084	1,321	1,514	2,102
Dried, including malted	1,246	1,663	2,194	2,459
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	111	110	245	219
Total, Class I.	34,896	42,354	58,882	65,681
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	106	109	208	217
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate ..	90	96	167	175
Foods for animals	120	212	258	339
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes ..	58	67	321	159
Fruit—				
Dried—				
Currants	72	128	499	430
Raisins	1,154	700	3,761	3,673
Other	137	43	481	212
Fresh—				
App.es	29	16	271	641
Citrus	336	371	657	723
Other	8	6	24	42
Frozen .. .. .	..	..	..	1
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	698	907	5,560	6,419
Pu.ped	31	4	118	73

(a) Excludes synthetic casings.

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES <i>—continued.</i>				
Grain and pulse—				
Prepared—				
Breakfast foods	96	197	179	342
Flour (wheaten)—				
Plain white	4,184	5,567	8,383	9,837
Other	168	118	400	272
Rice	372	688	1,073	1,350
Other	220	226	482	530
Unprepared—				
Barley	178	490	2,991	2,149
Maize	81	3	82	67
Oats	63	397	277	1,151
Peas (not split)	86	47	139	133
Sorghum	375	134	458	166
Wheat	12,719	8,365	21,078	18,791
Other	92	201	285	500
Jams and fruit jellies	89	68	223	149
Soups	105	93	203	197
Sugar (cane)	8,060	7,487	19,054	14,038
Tea	102	54	176	58
Vegetables—				
Preserved in liquid or pulped	57	71	125	106
Other	83	75	223	178
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	137	148	246	293
Total, Class II.	30,106	27,088	68,402	63,416
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, beer, cider, &c.	106	115	227	250
Spirits (beverages)	103	53	173	122
Wine	173	160	370	348
Total, Class III.	382	328	770	720
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff	41	65	60	232
Tobacco	64	49	127	115
Total, Class IV.	105	114	187	347
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	90	240	181	332
Horses	71	75	129	128
Sheep	82	81	145	158
Other live animals	17	14	40	52
Total, Class V.	260	410	495	670

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS.				
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	476	831	895	1,379
Kangaroo and wallaby	110	117	167	192
Opossum	31	2	32	13
Rabbit and hare	282	594	552	1,340
Sheep and lamb	4,051	4,165	8,367	8,584
Other (including sheepskin and lamb-skin pieces)	92	85	163	183
Pearl-shell	104	251	371	469
Trochus-shell	127	222	290	421
Wool—				
Greasy	98,112	95,182	139,560	140,644
Scoured and washed, slipes, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	10,544	10,644	20,341	20,854
Other animal substances	139	216	261	400
Total, Class VI.	114,068	112,309	170,999	174,479
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	86	202	321	442
Tanning substances	59	42	104	248
Other vegetable substances	32	44	88	98
Total, Class VII.	177	288	513	788
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—</i>				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	234	305	375	496
Yarns—				
Woollen	100	3	122	26
Other	30	20	70	60
Other manufactured fibres	28	17	64	59
Total, Class VIII.(a)	392	345	631	641
<i>(b) Textiles—</i>				
Blankets and blanketing	3	2	6	5
Piece-goods—				
Cotton	29	42	80	63
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres	103	13	213	66
Woollen	30	19	57	31
Other	19	23	38	46
Other textiles	57	55	126	117
Total, Class VIII.(b)	241	154	520	328

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL— <i>cont.nued.</i>				
<i>(c) Apparel—</i>				
Footwear	18	23	39	37
Outerwear	37	30	83	64
Underwear and sleeping attire ..	18	13	45	27
Other apparel	48	24	92	57
Total, Class VIII.(c)	121	90	259	185
Total, Class VIII.	754	589	1,410	1,154
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and waxes, &c.—				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	39	27	88	43
Fatty acids	33	66	56	110
Tallow, edible and inedible	454	1,160	784	1,759
Other	36	51	83	103
Oils—				
Petroleum and shale	296	1,780	766	2,636
Whale	858	758	1,479	1,472
Other	52	42	89	155
Total, Class IX.	1,768	3,884	3,345	6,278
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Lead oxides	49	52	121	135
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	76	98	189	239
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	57	67	157	124
Total, Class X.	182	217	467	498
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-CARBONS.				
Asbestos, crude and fibre	43	222	109	416
Asphalt, tar and pitch	134	127	190	226
Coal	324	87	694	390
Coke	51	124	83	174
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes—				
Lead and silver-lead	960	1,178	1,789	2,236
Titanium and zirconium	687	1,060	1,443	2,181
Tungsten	783	937	1,535	1,904
Zinc	661	992	1,713	2,602
Other	461	490	845	968
Other stones and minerals	95	88	210	159
Total, Class XI.	4,199	5,305	8,611	11,256

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—</i>				
Metals and semi-manufactures—				
Cadmium	51	67	132	137
Copper	580	747	1,254	2,808
Copper-base alloys	151	68	323	318
Iron and steel	1,242	1,460	3,379	2,911
Lead—				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	1,190	1,082	3,176	2,976
Pig	4,952	5,267	9,393	10,514
Other	435	229	696	560
Zinc	936	1,016	2,029	2,370
Other metals and semi-manufactures of metal	60	76	153	179
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering hardware	101	89	230	178
Tools of trade	111	97	222	195
Vehicles and parts	804	673	1,594	1,478
Window louvres	108	180	256	317
Other metal manufactures	565	634	1,310	1,361
Total, Class XII.(a)	11,286	11,685	24,147	26,302
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment—</i>				
Batteries and accumulators	119	151	230	262
Communication equipment	193	222	410	500
Other electrical appliances	225	275	613	695
Total, Class XII.(b)	537	648	1,253	1,457
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—</i>				
Aircraft engines and parts	405	136	670	290
Agricultural, horticultural &c. machinery	223	496	618	743
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	148	201	261	272
Motive power machinery	188	249	520	736
Personal massage appliances	81	141	150	294
Pumps, machinery	58	75	235	177
Refrigerating appliances	109	94	232	199
Other machines and machinery	959	1,299	1,990	2,328
Total, Class XII.(c)	2,171	2,691	4,676	5,039
Total, Class XII.	13,994	15,024	30,076	32,798

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i> ..	197	165	388	357
(b) <i>Leather and Leather Manufactures—</i>				
Leather—				
Hide leathers—				
Sole	141	127	288	249
Other	278	417	632	806
Sheep and lamb	51	31	106	57
Other	32	33	65	65
Leather manufactures	30	21	67	55
Total, Class XIII.(b)	532	629	1,158	1,232
Total, Class XIII.	729	794	1,546	1,589
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Sleepers, railway	76	262	127	446
Timber	390	539	760	1,108
Wood and wicker manufactures	109	117	251	264
Total, Class XIV.	575	918	1,138	1,818
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE ..	183	226	666	489
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper and Board</i>	68	98	188	267
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery—</i>				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, &c.	334	357	674	719
Paper manufactures and stationery	282	234	535	450
Total, Class XVI.(b)	616	591	1,209	1,169
Total, Class XVI.	684	689	1,397	1,436
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-PIECES.				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c.	43	51	89	102
Sporting goods	51	50	136	128
Other	45	28	91	61
Total, Class XVII.	139	129	316	291
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c.	63	50	146	121
Photographic goods and materials	99	91	268	252
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	116	104	259	184
Total, Class XVIII.	278	245	673	557

Value of Commodities, &c.—Exports—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	20	9	54	25
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Acetylsalicylic acid	37	74	79	101
Other	290	292	648	628
Eucalyptus oil	49	75	83	123
Perfumery and toilet preparations	42	51	93	106
Soap	66	53	136	121
Other chemicals, elements and compounds	467	871	834	1,389
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	185	125	383	347
Total, Class XIX.	1,156	1,550	2,310	2,840
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, ammunition and explosives	11	62	72	151
Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government projects being carried out abroad and for Australian representatives abroad	180	422	556	1,151
Exports made with the intention of re-importing including exports by Australian Airways companies for servicing their own aircraft abroad	(a)	1,269	(a)	2,238
Unclassified exports valued at less than £50 for any one consignment	289	1,187	653	2,392
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	372	658	1,069	2,341
Synthetic resins	226	157	368	348
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad	144	371	242	561
All other articles	879	1,041	2,274	2,386
Total, Class XX.	2,101	5,167	5,234	11,568
Total, Merchandise	206,736	217,628	357,437	378,673
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	2,921	1,709	4,127	8,235
Silver, including silver in matte	741	738	1,325	1,452
Total, Class XXI.	3,662	2,447	5,452	9,687
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	61,092	63,661	103,756	114,563
Victoria	61,338	65,168	95,311	102,998
Queensland	36,823	40,678	79,006	82,423
South Australia	29,537	25,855	50,061	48,922
Western Australia	19,369	21,590	30,181	33,538
Tasmania	2,201	3,118	4,535	5,874
Northern Territory	38	5	39	42
Australian Produce	208,363	216,870	358,508	381,504
Re-exports	2,035	3,205	4,381	6,856
GRAND TOTAL	210,398	220,075	362,889	388,360^(a)

(a) Not available.

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.					
Butter.. .. .	'000 lb.	44,948	72,922	54,632	96,344
Cheese.. .. .	"	18,797	16,274	23,367	20,356
Processed milk—					
Condensed	"	11,996	18,903	17,119	28,232
Dried including Malted	"	18,051	26,193	27,566	35,804
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	1,411	2,503	3,633	4,434
Eggs—					
In shell	'000 doz.	16,246	8,172	16,820	14,519
Not in shell	'000 lb.	12,005	13,261	12,362	14,259
Mats, poultry and game—					
Bacon and hams	"	551	340	1,083	558
Preserved by cold process—					
Beef and veal	"	63,651	105,322	159,354	211,547
Lamb	"	57,977	57,954	66,509	60,269
Mutton	"	10,671	14,095	16,414	18,315
Offals	"	8,676	11,302	20,325	19,376
Pork	"	1,395	688	3,993	1,430
Poultry	"	(a)	654	(b)	1,198
Rabbits and hares—					
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	(c) {	23	(d) {	49
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.		6,264		8,758
Preserved in airtight containers.. .. .	"	32,722	36,857	77,379	70,318
Sausage casings, natural (c) {	cwt.	6,930	6,930	6,930	6,930
	bundles	..	739,494	691,360	1,133,751
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.					
Fruits—					
Dried—					
Currants	'000 lb.	1,480	2,425	10,228	8,566
Raisins	"	22,164	12,410	75,783	71,724
Tree fruits	"	1,172	416	4,095	1,817
Fresh—					
Apples	'000 bus.	24	9	217	475
Citrus	"	224	253	441	492
Other	"	3	5	9	31
Preserved in airtight containers.. .. .	'000 lb.	9,421	12,769	76,051	85,961
Pulped	"	526	73	2,092	1,292
Grain or cereals—					
Prepared—					
Barley—pearl and scotch	"	39	116	87	203
Flour, (wheaten) plain white	"	268,361	384,078	523,876	658,559
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	2,381	8,491	4,591	15,384
Rice	cwt.	110,826	264,205	310,017	519,422
Unprepared—					
Barley	ton	7,702	22,550	146,212	78,327
Oats	"	2,043	17,865	12,089	44,793
Wheat	"	488,690	337,235	801,223	724,713
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	1,727	1,128	4,309	2,578
Sugar (cane)	ton	186,916	174,037	447,210	340,717
Vegetables—preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	682	573	1,842	994

(a) 58,578 pairs.

(b) 150,105 pairs.

(c) 1,940,935 pairs.

(d) 2,611,905 pairs.

(e) Recorded in bundles since 1st October, 1954.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—*continued.*

Particulars.	Unit of Quantity.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.					
Wine	'000 gal.	275	277	557	604
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and skins—					
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	8,008	12,890	14,310	22,446
Kangaroo and wallaby	„	283	321	440	514
Rabbit and hare	„	1,380	1,104	2,633	2,389
Sheep and lamb	„	25,214	29,262	46,894	54,525
Wool—					
Greasy	„	305,384	362,420	427,082	522,354
Scoured and washed, slips, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	„	25,873	29,018	47,772	55,241
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.					
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	5,192	13,276	9,103	20,829
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	81,388	21,376	184,273	95,037
Ores and concentrates—					
Lead and silver-lead	„	15,460	9,513	29,753	26,618
Zinc	„	49,626	59,467	132,183	165,838
CLASS XII.—METALS.					
Lead—					
Pig	ton	39,490	40,469	78,099	81,717
Bullion	„	7,946	6,946	21,468	19,143
Zinc, bars, blocks, &c.	„	8,776	8,672	18,922	20,148

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Fruits.		
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef and Veal.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Dried.		Pre-served in air-tight containers.
							Vine.	Tree.	
QUANTITY. (¹ 000lb.)									
1938-39 ..	229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,915	81,279
1951-52 ..	25,417	40,316	5,077	95,876	31,153	3,898	84,386	13,701	110,448
1952-53 ..	110,428	53,006	3,393	192,297	166,844	3,453	155,172	6,709	143,261
1953-54 ..	88,030	50,959	2,777	316,955	99,691	2,758	139,822	6,481	199,219
1954-55 ..	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954	54,632	23,366	1,083	159,354	82,923	3,993	86,011	3,987	76,008
Dec., 1955	96,339	20,356	558	211,547	78,584	1,430	80,290	1,802	85,932

VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)									
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	2,747	118	1,267
1951-52 ..	4,593	4,064	934	5,230	1,918	485	4,608	1,053	6,500
1952-53 ..	20,075	5,851	720	13,765	8,761	472	7,448	581	9,298
1953-54 ..	16,052	5,329	619	22,044	5,261	462	6,600	793	14,184
1954-55 ..	24,589	5,057	355	21,829	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954	9,563	2,420	241	12,492	8,134	478	4,260	478	5,557
Dec., 1955	15,331	1,829	131	15,355	6,824	201	4,103	211	6,418

(a) Preserved by cold process.

Year.	Wheat.	Flour.	Barley (Unpre- pared).	Sugar (Cane).	Wool.		Sheep and Lamb- skins.	Lead (Pig).	
					Greasy.	Scoured. (a)			
QUANTITY.									
1938-39	..	tons. 1,690,956	'000 lb. 1,450,130	tons. 58,441	tons. 443,014	'000 lb. 793,384	'000 lb. 70,881	'000 lb. 84,359	tons. 204,495
1951-52	..	1,685,382	1,578,033	269,232	167,431	823,963	97,775	70,833	106,816
1952-53	..	1,593,963	1,739,240	496,403	459,354	981,493	107,533	110,172	141,999
1953-54	..	965,338	1,522,536	601,536	706,796	990,009	96,418	94,522	170,207
1954-55	..	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,074	959,033	101,553	100,276	140,256
Six months ended—									
Dec., 1954	..	801,222	523,749	146,212	447,176	427,082	47,772	46,894	78,099
Dec., 1955	..	724,713	658,398	78,327	340,717	522,336	55,214	54,525	81,687

VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)								
1938-39 ..	8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1951-52 ..	55,287	33,018	11,154	6,896	278,481	44,947	13,672	20,720
1952-53 ..	51,970	37,417	19,245	21,654	356,223	46,681	17,332	17,168
1953-54 ..	30,957	29,632	14,870	31,592	364,977	45,443	16,439	18,550
1954-55 ..	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,137	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
Six months ended—								
Dec., 1954 ..	21,078	8,380	2,991	19,052	139,560	20,341	8,367	9,393
Dec., 1955 ..	18,791	9,835	2,149	14,038	140,640	20,847	8,584	10,511

(a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six months ended December.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
United Kingdom ..	45,217	7,535	80,239	12,252	18,447	1,664	15,905	1,129
Australian Territories ..	266	55	290	59	56	9	49	8
Ceylon ..	1,015	197	1,260	235	160	25	203	35
Guiana (British) ..	211	43	236	49	10	2	12	2
Hong Kong ..	736	146	914	161	252	33	171	21
India ..	354	83	385	83	466	80	287	50
Malaya, Fed. of ..	610	143	521	119	84	13	68	11
Malta ..	269	52	321	61	41	4	116	12
Mauritius ..	318	78	177	42	97	17	52	9
Singapore ..	1,231	263	1,952	366	488	55	417	55
West Africa (British) ..	147	34	148	34	146	25	63	11
West Indies—								
Barbados ..	110	21	34	7	13	2	11	2
Trinidad and Tobago ..	457	89	203	42	28	5	13	2
Windward Is. ..	63	14	83	19	8	1	8	1
Other ..	113	25	149	31	107	17	71	10
Other British Countries ..	623	142	576	134	303	55	211	35
Arabian States ..	407	96	282	67	556	102	600	112
Burma ..	269	67	114	28	44	8	28	5
Egypt ..	476	93	243	48	448	50	149	17
France ..	..	..	1,164	173	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—								
New Caledonia ..	192	40	182	38	61	11	61	11
Other ..	106	25	177	38	7	1	2	..
Italy ..	7	1	2,306	428	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	432	91	171	37	138	20	394	56
Lebanon ..	59	12	65	12	18	3	76	12
Netherlands Antilles ..	165	40	174	44	3	..	2	..
Philippines ..	271	69	309	76	839	133	708	115
Other Foreign Countries ..	458	109	3,664	648	546	85	679	108
New South Wales ..	724	146	763	145	141	24	90	15
Victoria ..	34,794	5,999	67,117	10,400	13,888	1,531	9,507	988
Queensland ..	14,187	2,555	21,647	3,706	1,256	144	1,722	163
South Australia ..	1,083	185	1,243	192	8,080	721	9,037	663
Western Australia ..	21	4	51	9	1	..	..	..
Tasmania ..	3,823	674	5,518	879	..	..	..	..
Total ..	54,632	9,563	96,339	15,331	23,366	2,420	20,356	1,829
	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.
	BACON AND HAMS.				BEEF AND VEAL. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	..	..	..	..	128,857	9,738	174,264	12,075
Bermuda ..	..	..	..	..	613	97	555	89
Ceylon ..	63	13	49	10	42	4	164	17
Hong Kong ..	99	22	46	12	3,113	234	1,530	119
Malta ..	..	..	1	..	927	75	1,760	155
Singapore ..	448	93	212	47	6,415	535	6,557	542
West Indies (British) ..	66	18	60	14	756	78	662	67
Other British Countries ..	161	41	153	39	2,758	278	2,532	279
Arabian States—								
Saudi Arabia ..	1	..	..	..	688	141	487	99
Other ..	25	6	29	7	374	61	360	56
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	2,328	191	3,225	256
Egypt ..	167	36	1	..	3,612	269	1,637	128
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	..	..	..	..	2,329	189	4,583	362
Philippines ..	..	..	1	..	2,458	215	4,123	335
United States of America ..	..	..	..	..	125	12	1,198	113
Other Foreign Countries ..	53	12	6	2	3,959	375	7,910	663
New South Wales ..	307	68	102	27	9,985	961	18,261	1,658
Victoria ..	8	1	30	6	4,770	438	1,700	191
Queensland ..	387	100	313	75	134,929	10,442	172,676	12,224
South Australia ..	75	15	18	4	7	1	430	28
Western Australia ..	306	57	95	19	9,612	645	18,451	1,253
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	61	5	29	1
Total ..	1,083	241	558	131	159,354	12,492	211,547	15,355

NOTE.—Values in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six Months ended December.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	MUTTON AND LAMB. (Preserved by Cold Process.)				PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)			
United Kingdom ..	72,738	7,447	68,837	6,105	2,735	280	726	91
Australian Territories ..	372	41	329	37	118	22	114	20
Canada ..	1,410	136	1,723	167	86	12	30	5
Ceylon ..	289	15	254	19	..	..	2	1
Hong Kong ..	348	35	472	35	37	4	43	6
Singapore ..	830	52	1,178	78	397	58	254	35
Other British Countries	1,649	107	1,980	161	142	25	108	18
Arabian States ..	679	74	436	35	132	29	54	9
Belgium ..	701	23	611	25	55	5	..	..
Egypt ..	73	5	1,943	100	143	21	55	9
United States of America	88	11	405	33	1	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	3,746	183	416	29	147	22	44	7
New South Wales ..	6,621	466	5,457	458	427	59	142	24
Victoria ..	48,430	4,796	47,537	4,093	260	37	280	39
Queensland ..	11	1	77	9	2,549	296	334	51
South Australia ..	22,861	2,367	13,845	1,350	1	..	3	..
Western Australia ..	4,316	434	11,587	906	756	86	654	85
Tasmania ..	684	70	81	8	..	..	17	2
Total ..	82,923	8,134	78,584	6,824	3,993	478	1,430	201
	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.	'000lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultanias and Lexias).			
United Kingdom ..	4,864	236	2,708	134	41,123	2,128	38,430	2,054
Canada ..	3,495	161	3,153	155	26,025	1,109	20,466	917
New Zealand ..	1,163	62	1,336	71	7,206	431	7,941	464
Singapore ..	45	4	43	3	82	8	59	4
Other British Countries	315	18	815	44	1,091	66	1,874	96
Egypt ..	58	4	..	..	121	10	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	288	14	511	23	135	9	2,954	138
New South Wales ..	2	..	..	..	37	6	..	..
Victoria ..	3,753	187	3,415	175	59,462	2,904	61,557	3,167
Queensland ..	1	..	..	..	4	1	4	1
South Australia ..	5,252	258	3,966	190	16,266	849	10,163	505
Western Australia ..	1,219	54	1,185	65	14	1	..	..
Tasmania ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	10,228	499	8,566	430	75,783	3,761	71,724	3,673

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six Months ended December.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.			
United Kingdom ..	939	112	654	50	60,646	4,421	74,208	5,587
Canada ..	96	13	466	75	1,653	126	2,685	155
Ireland, Republic of ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand ..	724	93	366	51	8,748	654	7,103	493
Singapore ..	128	21	59	8	360	22	293	19
Other British Countries	266	34	136	13	2,038	154	1,201	90
Egypt ..	68	5	22	3	626	45	175	13
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	802	108	20	2	101	6	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	964	92	79	9	1,836	129	867	61
New South Wales ..	1,115	123	501	36	9,150	639	14,959	1,096
Victoria ..	152	20	156	17	52,553	3,747	47,100	3,661
Queensland ..	4	1	1	..	13,015	1,060	20,739	1,436
South Australia ..	1,800	215	1,102	152	883	59	2,515	167
Western Australia ..	5	1	..	..	5	1	19	1
Tasmania ..	902	118	42	6	402	21	600	57
Total ..	3,987	478	1,802	211	76,008	5,557	85,932	6,418
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WHEAT.				FLOUR.			
United Kingdom ..	207,078	5,360	192,915	4,768	35,042	474	64,953	908
Aden ..	25	1	125	3	9,933	138	13,806	185
Australian Territories ..	58	2	87	3	6,171	102	5,282	85
Borneo (British) ..	..	..	..	..	7,382	122	6,791	107
Ceylon ..	157	5	..	..	97,742	1,529	161,800	2,259
Cyprus ..	18,397	503	25,572	699	33	..	15	..
East Africa (British) ..	110	3	324	9	571	9	7,282	107
Hong Kong ..	1,264	36	18,532	305	5,962	92	5,650	79
India ..	192,714	4,979	..	..	41	1	35	1
Ireland, Republic of ..	25,513	661	11,521	295	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	6,747	196	7,520	213	80,073	1,362	67,814	1,074
Mauritius ..	17	..	24	1	15,532	233	16,572	238
New Zealand ..	112,173	2,987	131,304	3,409	..	..	26	..
Pacific Islands—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	23	1	24	1	10,135	165	9,746	160
Other ..	99	1	13	..	4,098	69	6,106	88
Pakistan ..	..	..	2	..	90	1	576	8
Rhodesia and Nyasaland	17,868	497	35,066	935	1,676	25	1,920	28
Singapore ..	2,132	60	2,769	83	76,800	1,263	43,503	718
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian ..	..	..	..	..	8,268	121	15,545	223
Other British Countries	128	4	5,226	119	3,241	55	11,496	106
Arabian States ..	5,201	140	2,845	51	3,838	55	15,445	204
Burma ..	323	9	3,196	88	28,464	462	13,006	216
Egypt ..	..	..	..	..	15,026	225	4,194	60
French Dependencies ..	285	9	223	7	10,933	175	8,597	144
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	139,334	3,754	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indonesia ..	10	..	5	..	83,518	1,379	146,640	2,318
Italy ..	..	..	..	..	466	7	915	16
Japan ..	20,070	490	138,352	3,768	1,852	30	1,896	46
Korea ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	37,611	1,001	..	..	894	15	..	..
Portuguese Possessions—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India ..	..	..	848	25	..	..	1,525	23
Mozambique ..	2,329	64	9,727	268	212	4	519	9
Other ..	..	..	..	..	258	4	350	6
Thailand ..	109	3	24	1	12,340	214	16,762	279
Other Foreign Countries	11,457	312	138,464	3,740	3,098	49	9,121	140
New South Wales ..	121,603	3,266	76,194	2,011	151,701	2,449	211,522	3,157
Victoria ..	288,407	7,746	207,093	5,266	195,215	3,122	224,271	3,355
Queensland ..	1,650	47	64,206	1,722	12,054	187	30,059	459
South Australia ..	178,590	4,684	234,907	6,282	61,770	999	79,735	1,172
Western Australia ..	210,972	5,335	142,313	3,510	103,009	1,623	112,811	1,692
Total ..	801,222	21,078	724,713	18,791	523,749	8,380	658,398	9,835

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six Months ended December.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	Barley (Unprepared).				Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom ..	13,626	296	16,159	349	267,601	11,868	154,467	6,728
Australian Territories—								
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	629	34	744	44
Canada ..	..	..	..	..	72,659	2,833	84,370	3,051
Ceylon ..	1	..	19	1	9,519	323	..	..
Hong Kong ..	1,151	27	267	2	18,435	661	10,201	389
Ireland, Rep. of ..	9,472	191	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malaya, Fed. of ..	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand ..	..	..	..	..	22,008	969	30,600	1,392
Singapore ..	2	..	3	..	5,200	198	..	..
Other British Countries	..	..	..	..	1,705	98	2,135	125
Belgium ..	41,528	865	5,818	137	..	..	..	..
French Possessions—New								
Caledonia ..	..	..	..	..	1,085	62	950	57
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	28,347	536	1,850	39	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	300	7	4,100	114	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	12,347	293	43,313	1,362	48,026	1,984	52,178	2,051
Netherlands ..	38,935	765	1,001	20	..	..	1,010	38
Other Foreign Countries	500	11	5,783	125	309	22	4,062	163
Total ..	146,212	2,991	78,327	2,149	447,176	19,052	340,717	14,038
New South Wales ..	..	..	21	1	3,003	176	3,303	199
Victoria ..	8,429	163	5,347	164	231	13	211	13
Queensland ..	399	10	2,101	42	443,923	18,862	337,173	13,824
South Australia ..	129,770	2,658	65,040	1,824	..	..	..	..
Western Australia ..	7,614	160	5,818	118	19	1	30	2
Total ..	146,212	2,991	78,327	2,149	447,176	19,052	340,717	14,038

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued.*

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six Months ended December.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCoured AND WASHed, SLIPE, CARBONIZED, TOPS, NOILS, AND WASTE.			
United Kingdom ..	141,496	46,359	141,516	37,224	15,754	6,391	15,368	5,351
Canada ..	688	237	1,634	468	1,764	769	2,030	750
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	319	219	688	382
India ..	116	36	393	118	359	216	1,348	703
Ireland, Republic of ..	2,662	963	1,548	454	76	34	50	18
New Zealand ..	205	86	228	74	229	153	263	152
South Africa, Union of ..	1,460	364	664	157	207	85	218	84
Other British Countries ..	..	..	22	11	241	112	520	228
Austria ..	700	260	819	254	7	3	17	6
Belgium ..	42,335	11,096	47,944	9,932	2,343	890	2,115	672
China ..	4	4	..	..	1,355	904	1,660	852
Czechoslovakia ..	3,124	1,169	8,250	2,440	..	..	15	6
Denmark ..	..	..	3	1	431	180	531	201
Egypt ..	..	..	500	190	57	48	125	73
France ..	75,550	23,224	111,954	28,028	3,561	1,531	3,332	1,187
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	29,666	9,432	35,766	9,315	2,582	1,030	4,607	1,677
Greece ..	..	..	30	9	420	185	557	232
Italy ..	40,861	13,356	39,525	11,022	2,740	979	2,863	1,013
Japan ..	45,144	16,990	80,026	25,080	726	396	3,469	1,528
Mexico ..	3,034	1,186	4,713	1,530	393	193	230	93
Netherlands ..	1,078	332	1,990	528	477	185	669	208
Norway ..	..	..	2	1	49	26	21	8
Poland ..	7,380	2,912	10,368	3,551	41	19	..	..
Portugal ..	1,404	544	1,236	387	171	85	167	65
Spain ..	424	175	1,670	471	..	..	84	32
Sweden ..	997	338	1,018	261	552	241	531	194
Switzerland ..	3,122	956	3,770	921	137	61	257	94
Turkey ..	1,245	520	23	8	117	69	18	11
U.S.S.R. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	22,926	8,511	24,123	7,409	11,269	4,619	11,222	4,019
Yugoslavia ..	528	195	1,428	455	30	14	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	933	315	1,173	341	1,365	704	2,239	1,008
Total ..	427,082	139,560	522,336	140,640	47,772	20,341	55,214	20,847
New South Wales ..	157,914	50,510	192,422	52,313	14,464	5,892	16,414	5,745
Victoria ..	98,856	33,190	127,799	34,892	15,485	6,074	16,255	5,896
Queensland ..	69,740	24,675	80,369	23,158	5,621	2,512	6,526	2,468
South Australia ..	55,179	16,895	64,775	15,834	4,296	1,833	4,631	1,686
Western Australia ..	44,848	14,121	56,516	14,313	5,588	2,412	6,918	2,569
Tasmania ..	545	169	455	130	5	2	10	3
Total ..	427,082	139,560	522,336	140,640	(a)45,459	(a)18,725	(a)50,754	(a)18,367

(a) Excludes exports of wool tops. State details not available for publication.

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued*.

Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	Six Months ended December.							
	1954.		1955.		1954.		1955.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS.				LEAD (PIG).			
United Kingdom ..	5,600	930	6,024	915	47,700	5,780	49,912	6,398
New Zealand ..	..	..	1	..	1,840	235	1,699	223
South Africa, Union of ..	..	..	..	..	1,048	131	300	38
Other British Countries	2	..	18	2	32	4	41	6
Belgium ..	850	167	496	83	..	..	25	3
France ..	37,032	6,749	43,501	7,040	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	1,461	305	1,061	161	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	570	61	490	52	..	..	35	5
United States of America	908	59	1,763	159	27,112	3,198	27,625	3,576
Other Foreign Countries	471	66	1,171	172	357	45	2,050	262
Total ..	46,894	8,367	54,525	8,584	78,099	9,393	81,687	10,511
New South Wales ..	14,657	2,671	16,691	2,600	232	36	279	35
Victoria ..	19,109	3,235	22,743	3,574	116	13	558	70
Queensland ..	1,068	180	2,052	287	46	5	402	51
South Australia ..	6,741	1,240	7,103	1,091	77,600	9,334	80,201	10,324
Western Australia ..	3,222	620	4,555	722	42	5	243	30
Tasmania ..	2,197	421	1,381	250	3	..	4	1
Total ..	46,894	8,367	54,525	8,584	78,099	9,393	81,687	10,511

NOTE.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS.^(a)*(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)*

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1954-55 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Particulars.	1949-50. (b)	1950-51. (b)	1951-52. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (b)	1954-55. (b)
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STATES.

New South Wales	538.2	693.9	801.0	824.7	907.7	1,012.1
Victoria	392.6	492.4	571.7	584.4	637.8	710.8
Queensland	184.9	233.9	270.6	287.8	319.7	362.8
South Australia	122.4	153.3	185.4	189.0	207.8	233.8
Western Australia	99.0	125.9	155.2	164.6	183.8	198.9
Tasmania	41.6	53.4	65.0	68.9	76.1	83.5
Total	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,601.9

COMMODITY GROUPS.

Groceries	161.1	186.1	232.9	261.5	275.1	308.7
Butchers' Meat	75.4	92.3	118.7	127.8	133.9	147.5
Other Food(d)	131.7	155.5	187.8	206.8	223.7	246.6
Total Foodstuffs	368.2	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	702.8
Beer, wine and spirits	105.0	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.0
Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear	263.8	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.4	419.5
Hardware, China and Glass-ware(e)	66.4	91.2	109.6	113.8	124.7	141.7
Electrical Goods and Radios	43.3	64.7	77.5	75.8	91.2	102.0
Furniture and Floor Coverings	54.5	76.9	76.1	72.8	81.0	86.6
Other Goods(f)	204.2	252.4	307.5	315.5	336.9	365.9
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	1,105.4	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.6	2,020.5
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.(g)	273.3	382.0	433.3	417.3	492.3	581.4
Total	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,601.9

(a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures.
 (c) Census figures. (d) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (e) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, &c.). (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, &c. (g) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance companies are not included in the figures of agreements made during each quarter nor, up to 31st December, 1953, in those of balances outstanding. Commencing 31st March, 1954, however, details of balances outstanding on agreements assigned to finance companies were collected and are included in the figures from that date.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.)

(£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1953—30th September ..	37,209	21,766	16,116	9,343	7,046	3,426	94,906
31st December ..	42,656	25,167	18,392	10,869	8,036	3,855	109,035
1954—31st March(d) ..	46,413	27,623	19,694	11,742	8,647	4,221	118,340
30th June(d) ..	50,144	30,819	22,361	13,116	9,807	4,751	130,998
30th September(d) ..	53,539	34,248	24,041	14,768	11,059	5,247	142,902
31st December(d) ..	60,195	38,859	26,196	16,546	12,207	5,854	159,857
1955—31st March(d) ..	64,033	41,773	27,081	17,205	12,779	6,363	169,234
30th June(d) ..	67,659	44,497	28,638	18,078	13,725	6,925	179,522
30th September(d) ..	73,524	48,178	30,538	19,443	14,645	7,358	193,686
31st December(d) ..	77,582	52,969	31,977	21,047	15,564	7,797	206,936

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) See note above.

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 31st December, 1955 : States.

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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MOTOR VEHICLES.

Number of Agreements ..	25,642	21,160	12,736	8,834	5,671	3,333	77,376
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	18,434	15,423	8,514	6,141	3,865	2,322	54,699
Amount Financed(d) £'000	10,936	9,452	4,887	3,551	2,435	1,293	32,554

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Number of Agreements ..	1,973	1,587	779	392	261	150	5,142
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	1,553	1,073	425	225	247	121	3,644
Amount Financed(d) £'000	988	664	261	134	150	74	2,271

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Number of Agreements ..	68,498	42,740	34,627	14,694	14,832	5,648	181,039
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	5,524	3,710	2,226	1,315	1,243	506	14,524
Amount Financed(d) £'000	4,526	3,031	1,744	1,130	1,013	402	11,846

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Number of Agreements ..	96,113	65,487	48,142	23,920	20,764	9,131	263,557
Total Value of Goods(c) £'000	25,511	20,206	11,165	7,681	5,355	2,949	72,867
Amount Financed(d) £'000	16,450	13,147	6,892	4,815	3,598	1,769	46,671

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies—*continued*.

Agreements Made during each Quarter : Australia.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed. (b)
		Total.	Average per Agreement.	Total.	Average per Agreement.	
		£'000	£	£'000.	£	%

MOTOR VEHICLES.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	68,180	47,183	692	27,253	400	58
Quarterly Total—						
1954—Dec. Quarter ..	69,157	47,368	685	27,498	398	58
1955—March „ ..	64,136	44,336	691	25,587	399	58
June „ ..	72,738	51,896	713	29,929	411	58
Sept. „ ..	80,086	55,878	698	33,019	412	59
Dec. „ ..	77,376	54,699	707	32,554	421	60

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	3,688	2,320	629	1,414	333	61
Quarterly Total—						
1954—Dec. Quarter ..	3,975	2,510	632	1,543	338	61
1955—March „ ..	3,841	2,676	696	1,627	424	61
June „ ..	3,575	2,309	646	1,383	387	60
Sept. „ ..	4,258	2,738	643	1,666	391	61
Dec. „ ..	5,142	3,644	709	2,271	442	62

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	157,478	12,014	76	9,731	62	82
Quarterly Total—						
1954—Dec. Quarter ..	172,567	13,699	79	11,027	64	80
1955—March „ ..	153,704	12,476	81	10,147	66	81
June „ ..	152,194	11,044	73	8,946	59	81
Sept. „ ..	157,139	11,654	74	9,505	60	82
Dec. „ ..	181,039	14,524	80	11,846	65	82

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

Quarterly Average—						
1954-55	229,346	61,517	268	38,398	167	62
Quarterly Total—						
1954—Dec. Quarter ..	245,699	63,577	259	40,068	163	63
1955—March „ ..	221,681	59,488	268	37,361	169	63
June „ ..	228,507	65,249	286	40,258	176	62
Sept. „ ..	241,483	70,270	291	44,190	183	63
Dec. „ ..	263,557	72,867	276	46,671	177	64

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). charges and insurance.

(b) Excludes hiring

Section VI.—Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS.
(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Six Months ended December—	
				1954.	1955.
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,161	94,757	101,254	49,575	46,259
Excise	16,472	125,460	143,149	71,410	79,024
Sales Tax	9,308	95,689	110,446	51,311	53,341
Flour Tax (a)	1,809	..	..	..	..
Land Tax	1,489	221	13	18	..
Income Taxes (b)	11,883	528,181	532,916	148,215	148,409
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	40,334	41,455	20,701	22,270
Estate Duty	1,915	9,825	9,614	5,078	4,913
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	1,386	1,618	764	900
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	1,977	—2	1	..
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax (a)	(c) 74	772	784	409	423
Wheat Export Charge (a) .. .. .	..	..	5,063	..	3,190
Other Export Charges (a) (d) .. .. .	..	168	305	118	249
Stevedoring Industry Charge (a) .. .. .	..	1,630	998	479	514
Total, Taxation	74,111	900,450	937,613	348,079	359,522
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	67,708	72,825	36,482	39,267
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	1,825	1,928	861	936
Central Australia	138	1,553	1,483	703	935
North Australia	50	68	70	35	46
Australian Capital Territory	7	15	29	6	9
Total, Railways	526	3,461	3,510	1,605	1,926
Broadcasting Services	(e)	3,867	3,875	2,056	2,059
Total, Business Undertakings	17,892	75,126	80,210	40,143	43,252
TERRITORIES(f)	356	2,195	2,419	1,158	1,109
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	750	725	300	100
Defence	151	2,809	4,106	2,099	1,557
Atomic Energy Commission .. .. .	..	2,791	1,082	..	9
Civil Aviation	6	4,313	4,644	1,273	317
Health	18	80	86	40	52
Attorney-General	111	322	371	180	188
Commerce and Agriculture	6	106	..	..	..
Shipping and Transport	152	391	321	145	134
Net Profit on Note Issue	767	5,707	5,516	3,300	4,206
Other	1,367	27,750	30,348	10,086	16,029
Total	2,706	45,019	47,199	17,153	22,592
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	1,022,790	1,067,441	406,533	426,475
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	10 13 9	101 3 5	103 2 11	38 10 11	38 16 10
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	8 10 10	8 16 6	4 8 11	4 13 5
Other	0 8 10	5 6 1	5 9 2	2 0 7	2 11 3
Total	13 14 2	114 18 4	117 8 7	45 0 5	46 1 6

(a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution, Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53 treated as refunds of revenue. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Six months Ended December—	
				1954.	1955.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services..	5,316	(a) 65,666	(a) 72,030	(a) 33,164	(a) 39,600
Interest and Debt Redemption, n.e.i.(b) ..	3,839	6,016	6,645	(c) 36,246	(c) 37,343
Capital Works and Services n.e.i.	634	58,541	59,586	25,966	33,139
National Welfare Fund and Social Services	(d) 16,428	176,565	189,319	91,571	105,281
Subsidies and Bounties	236	21,320	21,539	10,078	8,676
Defence Services	8,928	190,661	186,794	71,462	79,100
War and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	9,665	63,679	58,507	(e)	(e)
War Pensions	8,227	39,425	44,548	22,118	23,910
Other Services	1,365	17,158	17,270	9,747	10,903
Total, War and Repatriation Services	19,257	120,262	120,325	31,865	34,813
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	2,887	3,520	2,958	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	3,851	25,986	25,839	12,485	14,963
Other	11,991	68,724	73,289	32,516	39,392
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	98,230	102,086	45,001	54,355
Railways—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	530	561	573	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	142	3,382	3,100	1,486	1,080
Other	801	2,968	3,049	1,450	1,482
Total, Railways	1,473	6,911	6,722	2,936	2,562
Broadcasting Services—					
Capital Works and Services .. .. .	..	281	273	123	183
Other .. .. .	..	4,684	4,871	2,255	2,538
Total, Broadcasting Services	(f)	4,965	5,144	2,378	2,721
Total, Business Undertakings	20,202	110,106	113,952	50,315	59,638
Territories(g)—					
Interest and Debt Redemption(b) ..	376	359	361	(e)	(e)
Capital Works and Services	739	4,511	5,168	2,089	3,932
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	2,522	2,749	1,171	1,387
Australian Capital Territory	349	2,382	2,514	1,246	1,229
Papua-New Guinea	47	5,812	7,313	3,209	3,872
Norfolk Island	5	58	34	10	7
Total, Territories	1,839	15,644	18,139	7,725	10,227
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts(h)	7,585	7,585	7,585	3,792	3,792
Redemption of States' Debts	1,478	3,463	3,947	1,932	2,187
Special Grants	2,020	15,400	12,300	5,475	8,901
Grants, for Road Construction &c., purposes	4,266	22,057	22,361	10,022	13,320
Tax Reimbursement Grants .. .. .	..	120,415	130,046	59,971	62,778
States Grants—Special Assistance .. .. .	..	21,915	19,902	..	..
Tuberculosis Act—Reimbursement of Capital Expenditure .. .. .	..	1,379	1,709	668	189
Other(i)	320	3,493	2,879	1,151	1,465
Total, Payments to or for the States	15,669	195,647	200,729	83,011	92,632
Other Expenditure	2,089	6,091	8,232	1,006	4,385
GRAND TOTAL	94,437	(j)966,519	(j)997,290	442,403	504,734
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ s. d. 108 11 11	£ s. d. 109 14 3	£ s. d. 48 19 10	£ s. d. 54 10 7

(a) Includes freight concessions on North Australia and Central Australia Railways. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) Includes Interest and Debt Redemption for War and Repatriation Services, Business Undertakings and Territories for which quarterly figures are not available. (d) For expenditure on Social Services see page 68. (e) Not available (see note (c)). (f) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (g) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (h) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from States). (i) Includes contribution to South Australia for Port Augusta-Port Pirie Railway. (j) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue 1953-54, £56,271,000; and 1954-55, £70,151,000 to Trust Accounts

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Total to 30th June, 1955.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1930-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	5,120	5,684	4,199	4,039	1,632,728
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,682
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	..	..	7,694
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	..	Cr. 2	40,528
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	..	..	..	..	13,749
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 1	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 4	8,719
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States—						
Housing	..	26,547	30,000	37,200	29,150	207,359
Other	1,906	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	26,542	29,986	37,187	29,143	317,597
International Bank Dollar Loans(c)	..	23,831	17,935	21,468	23,575	90,853
Swiss Loans(d)	..	..	..	5,792	5,930	11,722
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	55,493	53,605	68,646	62,687	2,425,890

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)

Year and Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.			Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.		
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.			
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	
1949—March ..	43,239	54,860	5,539	32,140	24,145	2, 3½	1952, 1960-63
September ..	25,912	63,504			45,167	"	1953, 1960-63
1950—March ..	40,875	46,066	11,887	17,215	31,576	"	1953, 1961-64
August ..	12,898	46,302	1,301		47,000	"	" "
November ..	21,253	32,160			30,000	"	" "
1951—May ..	40,000	46,192	328		48,938	"	1954, (b) 1962-65
August ..	40,000	22,628		3,840	28,660	2, 3½	1954, 1962-65
November ..	13,233	12,909		1,470	12,076	"	" "
1952—March ..	30,533	19,449		1,787	15,862	"	1955, 1962-65
November ..	20,000	26,925		2,459	17,810	4½	1961
1953—March ..	29,789	20,841	92	3,595	28,331	3, 4½	(c) 1955, 1962
September ..	50,000	30,977		6,850	59,468	"	1955, 1966
1954—March ..	35,000	24,974		65	52,000	"	(d) 1957, 1967
August ..	37,594	26,832		5	46,505	"	(d) 1957, 1967
November ..	50,000	18,383			37,159	"	(e) 1957, 1968
1955—March ..	40,000	13,245		1	44,005	"	(f) 1957, 1968
August ..	35,000	23,627			39,587	"	(g) 1956, 1965, 1970
November ..	30,000	(h)			28,011	"	(e) 1956, 1965, 1970

(a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £99. (c) Price of issue: £99 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 10s. (e) Price of issue: £98 15s. (f) Price of issue: £99 5s. (g) Price of issue: £99 15s. (h) Not available.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 30th June, 1955, see page 67.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION,
1953-54.(a)

Grade of Actual Income and State or Territory of Assessment.		Number of Taxpayers.	Taxable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
			Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	£	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105-	200 ..	171,542	23,590	2,045	25,635	333
201-	300 ..	236,185	51,566	3,840	55,406	1,545
301-	400 ..	267,598	80,672	4,793	85,465	3,790
401-	500 ..	309,511	120,113	4,863	124,976	7,403
501-	600 ..	338,499	157,461	4,896	162,357	11,574
601-	700 ..	386,310	203,524	4,761	208,285	16,830
701-	800 ..	512,708	301,525	4,876	306,401	27,291
801-	900 ..	387,149	252,755	4,647	257,402	25,140
901-	1,000 ..	248,599	179,634	4,259	183,893	19,636
1,001-	1,250 ..	290,659	241,931	8,771	250,702	30,365
1,251-	1,500 ..	106,361	109,398	6,993	116,391	16,915
1,501-	2,000 ..	86,566	113,757	10,401	124,158	22,042
2,001-	3,000 ..	65,865	125,601	13,871	139,472	32,713
3,001-	4,000 ..	27,722	76,790	9,176	85,966	25,628
4,001-	5,000 ..	13,876	49,827	6,570	56,397	19,983
5,001-	10,000 ..	17,527	92,292	14,730	107,022	49,956
10,001-	15,000 ..	2,624	24,086	4,980	29,066	17,022
15,001	and over	1,565	26,190	6,737	32,927	21,889
Total Residents ..		3,470,866	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Central Office ..		12,646	23,020	10,694	33,714	15,168
New South Wales ..		1,306,561	845,982	41,364	887,346	128,890
Victoria ..		1,002,947	626,383	36,745	663,128	92,400
Queensland ..		468,724	285,852	10,762	296,614	43,208
South Australia ..		315,444	217,563	11,586	229,149	35,583
Western Australia ..		234,663	154,028	6,705	160,733	24,582
Tasmania ..		110,345	64,029	2,928	66,957	8,113
Northern Territory ..		5,234	3,566	49	3,615	445
Australian Capital Territory		14,302	10,289	376	10,665	1,666
Total Residents ..		3,470,866	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Total Non-Residents ..		4,056	838	3,072	3,910	1,092
GRAND TOTAL INDIVIDUALS ..		3,474,922	2,231,550	124,281	2,355,831	351,147
Companies (b) ..		25,484	..	..	413,714	(c) 123,614

(a) Assessed on income for year 1952-53.
Undistributed Profits Tax.

(b) Preliminary, subject to revision.

(c) Includes

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1953-54.

Grade of Dutiable Value.						Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	£					No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1-	1,000	..	..	..	..	5,584	12,587	2,463	74
1,001-	2,000	..	..	..	..	3,039	10,342	4,428	132
2,001-	3,000	..	..	..	..	1,844	8,366	4,552	135
3,001-	4,000	..	..	..	..	1,408	7,760	4,867	145
4,001-	5,000	..	..	..	..	1,095	7,257	4,899	146
5,001-	10,000	..	..	..	..	2,912	27,240	20,598	611
10,001-	20,000	..	..	..	..	2,154	36,041	30,765	1,345
20,001-	50,000	..	..	..	..	1,321	46,652	38,721	3,148
50,001 and over	..	..	..	..	..	264	31,660	22,626	4,353
Total						19,621	187,905	133,919	10,089

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Tax- able and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.(a)									Sales Tax Pay- able.	
		8½ per cent.	10 per cent.	12½ per cent.	16½ per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	33½ per cent.	50 per cent.	66½ per cent.		Total.
1938-39 ..	477,147	196,491	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196,491	9,363
1950-51 ..	1,686,233	463,975	49,463	..	..	..	11,325	22,584	..	..	547,347	53,984
1951-52 ..	1,945,086	134,246	24,243	327,442	..	85,192	6,079	36,276	4,983	4,929	623,390	91,332
1952-53 ..	1,897,669	..	..	403,680	..	121,413	134	23,000	6,794	369	555,390	86,085
1953-54 ..	2,154,269	..	..	483,736	176,136	24,265	..	3,007	802	..	687,946	96,079
1954-55 ..	2,466,282	..	140,620	421,607	204,713	..	..	..	..	..	766,940	101,427
Quarter—												
1954—												
Sept. ..	595,032	..	21,672	115,000	56,310	..	..	..	..	..	192,982	25,927
Dec. ..	633,544	..	45,843	110,278	51,904	..	..	..	..	..	208,025	27,021
1955—												
Mar. ..	585,906	..	35,376	94,186	44,554	..	..	..	..	..	174,116	23,281
June ..	651,800	..	37,729	102,143	51,945	..	..	..	..	..	191,817	25,198
Sept. ..	667,323	..	40,082	107,728	55,354	..	..	..	..	..	203,164	26,700
Month—												
1955—												
July ..	207,030	..	11,672	32,764	17,181	..	..	..	..	..	61,617	8,126
Aug. ..	230,527	..	13,896	37,195	19,090	..	..	..	..	..	70,181	9,221
Sept. ..	229,766	..	14,514	37,769	19,083	..	..	..	..	..	71,366	9,353

(a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938 and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33½ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66½ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66½ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent., 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16½ per cent. was introduced. From 19th August, 1954, the rate of 10 per cent. was re-introduced.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1954-55 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,399,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £196,438,000 and from the Expenditure total of £201,154,000. In addition, £2,568,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of debt charges not recouped to Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Tramway and Omnibus Services. Although contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952-53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; Victoria—Railways £2,148,000 and South Australia—Railways £3,200,000.

STATE REVENUES. (£'000.)

Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
1954-55.							
Taxation(c)	21,232	20,861	8,735	7,547	(d) 3,757	2,690	64,822
Railways	73,361	37,695	30,805	13,106	12,470	..	167,437
Tramways and Omnibuses	11,475	..	..	..	986	..	12,461
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	3,093	6,326	..	4,721	3,239	5	17,384
Land	4,431	2,259	3,827	379	1,007	405	12,308
Interest n.e.i.	1,050	3,664	1,720	3,334	1,234	2,349	13,351
Commonwealth Payments (e)	61,373	39,484	25,192	16,114	19,728	7,943	169,834
All other Sources	17,024	(f) 6,500	3,541	3,483	3,649	1,103	35,300
Total Revenue 1954-55	193,039	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	14,495	492,897
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 55 16 0	£ s. d. 46 18 9	£ s. d. 55 14 0	£ s. d. 60 5 10	£ s. d. 70 19 10	£ s. d. 46 6 3	£ s. d. 54 10 2
1953-54	186,642	106,748	69,696	48,376	43,596	(b) 13,285	468,343
1952-53	180,908	96,995	63,171	44,251	38,725	(b) 12,061	436,111
1951-52	167,095	81,661	55,753	37,588	33,955	(b) 10,469	386,521
1950-51	128,298	63,546	44,723	31,072	28,974	(b) 7,819	304,432
1938-39	51,098	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (b)	Total.
1954-55.							
Interest and Charges on Public Debt	22,186	16,782	10,158	9,725	7,327	4,216	70,394
Railways	64,562	35,618	30,041	14,556	14,497	..	159,274
Tramways and Omnibuses	13,506	..	..	..	1,137	..	14,643
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,316	4,133	250	3,869	3,484	(g) 997	15,049
Education	32,157	19,423	8,768	6,238	6,568	3,133	76,287
Hospitals	16,319	14,574	7,807	3,905	3,627	1,493	47,725
Other Charities	3,881	3,559	2,004	743	1,167	594	11,943
All Other Expenditure	40,260	21,364	14,574	11,882	(h) 8,747	(i) 4,274	101,101
Total Expenditure 1954-55	195,187	115,453	73,602	50,918	46,554	14,707	496,421
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 56 8 5	£ s. d. 46 8 0	£ s. d. 55 10 8	£ s. d. 63 1 2	£ s. d. 71 14 9	£ s. d. 46 19 9	£ s. d. 54 13 0
1953-54	186,514	106,037	69,353	46,566	43,699	(b) 13,270	465,439
1952-53	180,811	97,360	62,980	44,226	39,233	(b) 11,763	436,373
1951-52	166,997	84,067	55,708	37,499	34,547	(b) 10,871	389,689
1950-51	128,265	63,889	44,625	30,842	28,814	(b) 8,066	304,501
1938-39	53,558	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,159

(a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1952-53—South Australia—£1,100,000, Western Australia +£350,000, Tasmania—£600,000.

(b) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of the Transport Commission.

(c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1954-55, see p. 66.

(d) Gross collections. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements.

(f) Includes contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways, £17,000.

(g) Losses of Transport Commission. (h) Includes reduction of 1952-53 deficit, £350,000.

(i) Includes reduction of 1952-53 adjusted surplus, -£600,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1954-55.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	12,232	8,168	4,122	1,831	4,951	235	31,539
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	318	..	..	700	Cr. 75	131	1,074
Roads and Bridges ..	200	1,092	Cr. 451	181	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	1,835	265	14	790	960	722	5,608
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	2,338	9,399	1,247	6,595	2,488	273	22,340
Electricity Supply ..	11,500	2,000	..	5,000	705	7,326	26,531
Public Buildings ..	12,261	11,171	3,217	2,172	1,997	2,242	33,060
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 21	Cr. 8	..	..	..	..	Cr. 29
Housing ..	401	15	666	1,803	1,575	2,421	6,881
Other(b) ..	357	284	5,243	99	203	444	6,630
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c) ..	2,730	3,393	335	98	Cr. 1	273	6,828
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	5,756	..	1,933	1,012	342	..	9,043
Other ..	1,407	877	1,698	2,495	231	255	6,963
Other purposes ..	..	2,124	..	668	1,355	Cr. 70	4,077
Total Works, &c. ..	51,314	33,780	18,024	23,444	14,731	14,252	160,545
Per Head ..	£ s. d. 14 16 8	£ s. d. 15 11 9	£ s. d. 13 12 0	£ s. d. 29 0 8	£ s. d. 22 14 0	£ s. d. 45 10 8	£ s. d. 17 15 1
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	..	..	..	..	..	302	302
Other (d) ..	349	242	..	62	117	135	905
Grand Total ..	51,663	39,022	18,024	23,506	14,848	14,689	161,752

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1955.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							
Railways ..	247,392	126,780	102,359	52,649	55,310	14,114	598,604
Tramways and Omnibuses ..	18,351	..	..	7,141	1,979	131	27,602
Roads and Bridges ..	21,681	19,306	10,438	4,867	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	32,589	2,915	4,108	13,071	13,718	11,095	136,971
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	50,011	85,544	9,838	51,282	27,330	1,660	225,215
Electricity Supply ..	86,186	43,089	..	31,650	14,482	51,095	226,502
Public Buildings ..	74,899	60,267	23,284	14,845	14,027	11,081	198,403
Unemployment Relief ..	16,008	13,147	..	..	..	331	29,486
Housing ..	9,610	9,960	7,830	32,109	5,726	12,480	77,716
Other (b) ..	14,515	5,865	45,833	2,663	3,157	4,528	76,561
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (c) ..	40,293	88,488	9,923	9,550	13,164	2,718	164,136
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	48,174	..	8,336	12,649	6,683	..	75,842
Other ..	17,222	19,175	22,994	13,977	16,969	2,509	92,846
Other purposes ..	89	19,416	..	5,187	16,164	2,354	43,210
Total Works, &c. ..	677,020	493,952	244,493	251,640	191,892	114,096	1,973,093
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	38,948	15,455	5,826	8,730	12,175	3,478	84,612
Other (d) ..	27,901	10,446	15,998	3,408	6,154	1,968	65,875
Grand Total ..	743,869	519,853	266,317	263,778	210,221	119,542	2,123,580

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1955.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	522,978	122,141	10,480	655,599	18,381	3,915	353	22,649
Victoria ..	363,246	44,777	3,176	411,199	13,254	1,448	110	14,812
Queensland ..	188,735	43,583	4,156	236,474	6,631	1,446	143	8,220
South Australia ..	196,858	35,461	2,450	234,769	7,058	1,123	91	8,272
Western Australia ..	141,073	35,770	1,038	177,881	4,940	1,108	37	6,085
Tasmania ..	102,593	6,992	220	109,805	3,769	232	7	4,008
Total ..	1,515,483	238,724	21,520	1,825,727	54,033	9,272	741	64,046

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of account differences in currency. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1955.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	25,087	15,891	10,094	6,099	8,889	3,192	69,252	..	..
Taxation ..	10,257	9,850	4,203	3,504	1,752	1,299	30,865	348,079	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	38,778	18,511	16,971	6,808	6,260	..	87,328	1,605	..
Other ..	7,122	343	..	2,375	2,064	..	11,904	38,538	..
Other ..	8,756	5,256	3,874	2,736	2,503	1,527	24,652	18,311	..
Total ..	90,000	49,851	35,142	21,522	21,468	6,018	224,001	406,533	558,275
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83,011	..
Debt Services ..	10,728	8,127	4,430	4,578	3,576	2,008	33,447	36,246	..
Business Undertakings (d)—									
Railways ..	33,966	17,889	15,252	5,816	7,161 (e)	508	80,592	1,450	..
Other ..	7,182	356	..	1,721	1,657	..	10,916	34,771	..
Other ..	42,622	25,223	15,744	12,111	10,118	4,364	110,182	286,925	..
Total ..	94,498	51,595	35,426	24,226	22,512	6,880	235,137	442,403	605,281
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	4,498	1,744	284	2,704	1,044	862	11,136	35,870	47,006

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1955.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments ..	26,047	16,786	10,429	8,290	9,632	4,286	75,470	..	..
Taxation ..	11,802	10,743	4,596	3,719	1,922	1,406	34,188	359,522	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways ..	38,047	17,728	16,692	6,456	6,304	..	85,227	1,926	..
Other ..	7,305	329	..	2,104	2,198	..	11,936	41,326	..
Other ..	10,227	5,510	3,925	3,247	2,713	1,881	27,503	23,701	..
Total ..	93,428	51,096	35,642	23,816	22,769	7,573	234,324	426,475	582,317
Expenditure—									
Payments to States (c) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92,632	..
Debt Services ..	12,034	9,512	5,186	5,599	4,065	2,449	38,845	37,343	..
Business Undertakings (d)									
Railways ..	35,146	18,546	16,119	7,495	7,895 (e)	530	85,731	1,482	..
Other ..	7,635	323	..	1,917	1,869 (f)	140	11,884	41,930	..
Other ..	46,334	31,859	17,341	12,777	11,773	5,664	125,748	331,347	..
Total ..	101,149	60,240	38,646	27,788	25,602	8,783	262,208	504,734	688,460
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—) ..	7,721	9,144	3,004	3,972	2,833	1,210	27,884	78,259	106,143

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts, special grants and prices, &c., control reimbursement grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission. (f) Contribution towards working expenses of Metropolitan Transport Commission.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common- wealth. (a)	Grand Total.
1954	20,517	14,848	6,779	10,069	6,304	5,757	64,274	12,842	77,116
1955	21,973	16,174	8,410	11,299	6,879	7,013	71,748	17,633	89,381

(a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans and payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1954-55.(a)

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.l.).	Motor Taxes.	Enter-tainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	19	2	9,589	6,314	10,847	2,789	2,519	32,079
Victoria ..	..	22	2,624	6,305	4,172	6,329	3,096	4,949	27,497
Queensland ..	..	9	1,206	2,513	2,613	5,118	285	1,900	13,644
South Australia ..	..	1	568	1,661	1,227	3,238	1,070	155	7,920
Western Australia ..	..	1	391	1,062	1,250	1,458	631	417	5,210
Tasmania ..	..	..	207	472	451	793	462	751	3,136
Total States ..	..	52	4,998	21,602	16,027	27,783	8,333	10,691	89,486
Commonwealth ..	244,403	532,916	13	9,614	..	..	-2	6,150,669	937,613
Grand Total ..	244,403	532,968	5,011	31,216	16,027	27,783	8,331	161,360	1,027,099

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

New South Wales ..	..	0 0 1	..	2 15 6	1 16 6	3 2 8	0 16 1	0 14 7	9 5 5
Victoria ..	..	0 0 2	1 1 1	2 10 8	1 13 7	2 10 11	1 4 11	1 19 9	11 1 1
Queensland ..	..	0 0 2	0 18 2	1 17 11	1 19 5	3 17 3	0 4 3	1 8 9	10 5 11
South Australia ..	..	..	0 14 1	2 1 2	1 10 5	4 0 3	1 6 6	0 3 9	9 16 2
Western Australia ..	..	0 0 1	0 12 0	1 12 9	1 18 6	2 4 11	0 19 5	0 12 11	8 0 7
Tasmania ..	..	..	0 13 3	1 10 2	1 8 9	2 10 8	1 9 6	2 8 0	10 0 4
Total States ..	..	0 0 1	0 11 1	2 7 9	1 15 5	3 1 5	0 18 5	1 3 9	9 17 11
Commonwealth ..	26 17 9	58 12 6	..	1 1 2	..	..	..	6 16 11 6	103 2 11
Grand Total ..	26 17 9	58 12 7	0 11 0	3 8 8	1 15 3	3 1 1	0 18 3	17 15 0	112 19 7

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax other than the method of collection. See page 58 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax 100,446,000, £11 14s. 11d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £41,455,000, £4 11s. 2d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1951-52 ..	213,917	(a) 551,142	95,459	73,493	934,011	63,150	997,161
1952-53 ..	183,824	(a) 554,737	89,067	67,836	895,464	71,158	966,622
1953-54 ..	220,217	(a) 528,181	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954-55 ..	244,403	532,916	100,446	59,818	937,613	89,486	1,027,099

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

1938-39 ..	..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 6
1951-52 ..	..	25 1 8	a 64 12 6	11 3 10	8 12 4	109 10 4	7 8 10	116 18 5
1952-53 ..	..	21 0 11	a 63 10 3	10 4 0	7 15 4	102 10 6	8 3 9	110 13 5
1953-54 ..	..	24 14 10	a 59 6 11	10 15 0	6 6 8	101 3 5	9 1 7	110 4 1
1954-55 ..	..	26 17 9	58 12 6	11 1 0	6 11 8	103 2 11	9 17 11	112 19 7

(a) Includes Wool Deduction—1951-52, £5,963,000 (14s. 0d. per head); 1952-53, —£22,223,000 (—5s. 1d. per head) and 1953-54, —£239,000 (—6d. per head).

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1954-55.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	50,697	32,397	20,897	11,414	10,238	4,403	130,046
State Tax Collections ..	32,079	27,497	13,644	7,920	5,210	3,136	89,486
Total ..	82,776	59,894	34,541	19,334	15,448	7,539	219,532
Per head of population	£ s. d. 23 18 6	£ s. d. 24 1 5	£ s. d. 26 1 3	£ s. d. 23 18 10	£ s. d. 23 16 1	£ s. d. 24 1 9	£ s. d. 24 5 7

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of refunds.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1955.
		1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	144,799	138,430	126,545	123,737
	London £Stg.(a)	11,020	7,534	7,534	7,534	7,534
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	..	1,467,002	1,458,992	1,439,107	1,423,241
	London £Stg.	..	5,775	5,775	5,725	5,725
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	176,842	209,587	232,797	326,261
	London £Stg.	72,097	50,071	49,478	49,036	49,026
	New York £(b)	15,913	36,192	41,933	50,722	54,284
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,788,643	1,807,009	1,798,449	1,873,239
	London £Stg.	83,117	62,380	62,787	62,295	62,285
	New York £(b)	15,913	36,192	41,933	50,722	54,284
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	317,527	1,888,215	1,917,855	1,923,717	2,005,141
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	1,230,404	1,379,019	1,515,483	1,581,761
	London £Stg.	384,328	289,493	288,392	288,724	288,527
	New York £(b)	28,265	23,751	21,537	21,520	21,346
Total(d) ..	..	897,772	1,543,648	1,688,948	1,825,727	1,891,634
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	3,019,047	3,186,028	3,313,932	3,455,000
	London £Stg.	467,445	352,873	351,179	351,019	350,812
	New York £(b)	44,178	59,943	63,470	72,242	75,630
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	6,126	12,251	12,251
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	3,082
Total(d) ..	..	1,215,299	3,431,863	3,606,803	3,749,444	3,896,775

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 10	342 9 6	354 10 8	360 3 8	373 5 5
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	40 0 7	39 1 7	38 3 0	37 18 0
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	6 16 0	7 1 3	7 17 0	8 3 5
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	0 13 8	1 6 8	1 6 5
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	0 6 8
Total(d) ..	..	174 8 4	389 6 1	401 7 2	407 10 4	420 19 11

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,585	86,576	94,924	104,840	108,395
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366	11,355	11,353	11,353	11,356
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,453	2,599	2,937	3,099
	Switzerland(c)	..	..	245	475	475
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	123
Total(e) ..	..	46,170	100,384	109,121	119,615	123,448

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST PAYABLE PER CENT.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	3 12 9	2 17 4	2 19 7	3 3 3	3 2 9
	London ..	3 18 7	3 4 4	3 4 8	3 4 9	3 4 9
	New York ..	5 0 6	4 1 10	4 1 11	4 1 4	4 2 0
	Switzerland ..	..	..	4 0 0	3 17 6	3 17 6
	Canada ..	..	..	..	..	4 0 0
Total ..	..	3 16 0	2 18 6	3 0 6	3 3 10	3 3 4

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3,920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of 9.79512 fr. to £1. (d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)). (e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—					At 31st December, 1955.
		1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. ..	108,280	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	255,000
	London £Stg. ..	1,220	970	720	470	220	200
State ..	Australia £A. ..	2,400	..	..	..	..	7,400
	London £Stg. ..	22,863	22,868	22,868	22,868	26,068	26,068
Total ..	Australia £A. ..	110,680	153,280	225,000	190,000	160,000	262,400
	London £Stg. ..	24,083	23,838	23,588	23,338	26,288	26,268

(a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.
(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Six Months ended December.	
					1954.	1955.
Social Benefits—						
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	72,424	81,293	88,006	43,414	48,517
Child Endowment .. ..	..	53,244	50,761	52,530	26,913	33,418
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service .. ..	..	454	429	451	213	244
Funeral Benefits .. ..	..	270	288	304	169	170
Maternity Allowances	436	3,248	3,226	3,362	1,664	1,689
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits .. ..	..	6,255	4,543	2,640	1,326	1,124
Widows' Pensions .. ..	..	6,334	6,626	6,862	3,273	3,671
National Health Services—						
Hospital Benefits .. ..	..	7,223	8,330	9,321	4,351	4,518
Medical Benefits .. ..	..	..	1,434	4,210	1,888	2,560
Medical Benefits for Pensioners .. ..	..	1,740	2,115	2,516	1,276	1,491
Nutrition for Children .. ..	..	1,521	1,999	2,237	619	1,015
Pharmaceutical Benefits .. ..	..	6,487	8,219	9,445	4,227	4,765
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners .. ..	..	729	1,011	1,295	646	742
Miscellaneous .. ..	..	183	216	258	117	110
Mental Institution Benefits .. ..	..	523	495	225	133	..
Tuberculosis Campaign (a) .. ..	..	4,876	5,580	5,657	1,342	1,257
Total	16,428	165,511	176,565	189,319	91,571	105,291

(a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.		Pensions Paid during Year.(a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per Head of Popn.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.	£ s. d.
1954-55.									
New South Wales ..	173,896	38,159	212,055	498	109	6 15 9	6 18 7	36,874	10 13 2
Victoria ..	106,406	17,074	123,480	422	68	6 13 11	6 15 1	21,527	8 13 1
Queensland ..	62,837	11,638	74,475	467	87	6 13 10	6 17 10	13,027	9 16 7
South Australia ..	39,370	4,667	44,037	480	57	6 12 8	6 17 5	7,655	9 9 7
Western Australia ..	28,833	4,191	33,024	438	64	6 14 1	6 17 6	5,759	8 17 6
Tasmania ..	13,679	2,681	16,360	435	85	6 14 10	6 18 8	2,999	9 11 7
Northern Territory ..	123	21	144	70	12	(b)	(b)	26	1 10 9
Australian Capital Territory ..	412	67	479	127	21	(b)	(b)	79	2 11 0
Abroad ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..
Australia ..	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6 14 7	6 17 7	88,006	9 13 8
1953-54 ..	397,784	73,732	471,516	443	82	6 14 2	6 16 10	81,293	9 2 8
1952-53 ..	374,791	70,232	445,023	425	80	6 8 4	6 10 11	72,424	8 5 10
1951-52 ..	352,049	67,963	420,012	408	79	5 14 2	5 16 4	59,788	7 0 2
1950-51 ..	342,806	68,918	411,724	407	82	4 15 5	4 16 8	49,520	5 19 3
1938-39 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	123	(d)	(d)	15,992	2 6 2

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners (b) Included with South Australia. (c) Included with New South Wales. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or Australian Territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £8 from 27th October, 1955. These pensions are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

State, &c. and Year.	Endowed Families at 30th June.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during Year.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children. (a)	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	No.	No.			£'000.	£ s. d.
1954-55.						
New South Wales ..	495,063	1,026,195	1,418	2,940	19,422	5 12 3
Victoria ..	350,395	729,399	1,389	2,891	13,735	5 10 5
Queensland ..	188,868	422,906	1,405	3,145	8,249	6 4 6
South Australia ..	120,384	254,879	1,469	3,110	4,714	5 16 9
Western Australia ..	96,621	212,025	1,467	3,220	4,069	6 5 5
Tasmania ..	46,407	104,736	1,475	3,328	2,032	6 9 10
Northern Territory ..	2,068	4,479	1,176	2,548	133	8 0 8
Australian Capital Territory ..	4,009	8,670	1,236	2,674	170	5 8 7
Abroad ..	412	878	..	..	6	..
Australia ..	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5 15 7
1953-54 ..	1,280,439	2,689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5 14 1
1952-53 ..	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6 1 11
1951-52 ..	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5 9 4
1950-51 ..	1,150,847	2,365,177	1,366	2,808	43,585	5 5 0

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions; 1951, 23,753 in 370 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS.(a)

State and Year.	Pensions Current at 30th June.(a)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable at 30th June.	Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during Year.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
				£ s. d.	£'000.	s. d.
1954-55.						
New South Wales ..	17,006	49	8,076	6 9 8	2,818	16 3
Victoria ..	9,795	39	3,966	6 6 3	1,622	13 0
Queensland ..	7,123	53	3,365	6 8 6	1,179	17 10
South Australia ..	3,287	40	1,421	6 7 3	533	13 3
Western Australia ..	2,848	43	1,090	6 4 7	451	13 11
Tasmania ..	1,409	45	723	6 10 3	238	15 2
Northern Territory ..	19	11	9	(b)	3	4 2
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	19	33	(c)	9	5 10
Abroad ..	..	..	..	..	9	..
Australia ..	41,547	45	18,683	6 8 2	6,862	15 1
1953-54 ..	40,726	45	18,100	6 6 8	6,626	14 11
1952-53 ..	41,028	47	17,980	6 0 0	6,334	14 6
1951-52 ..	40,758	47	17,424	5 8 2	5,615	13 2
1950-51 ..	41,962	50	17,717	4 10 10	4,828	11 8

(a) Excludes fourteen (1954-55), sixteen (1953-54), sixteen (1952-53), eleven (1951-52), and nine (1950-51), pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Homes. (b) Included in South Australia.

(c) Included in New South Wales.

NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s. per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age £3 7s. 6d. per week; "C" Class—a widow without children and in necessitous circumstances—£3 7s. 6d. per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or for approximately 39 weeks in certain cases; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s. 6d. per week. Rates are as from 18th October 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS PAID.										
1938-39..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940	..	..	..	80,916
1950-51..	72,003	50,210	29,155	17,864	14,986	7,250	..	..	119	191,587
1951-52..	72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	..	..	73	195,722
1952-53..	74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	..	..	90	203,042
1953-54..	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	..	..	48	199,814
1954-55..	76,614	55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179

AMOUNT PAID. (£.)										
1938-39..	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764	..	..	..	436,614
1950-51..	1,149,164	807,030	467,673	276,509	239,343	116,465	..	..	1,835	3,057,519
1951-52..	1,182,358	835,643	489,751	283,702	241,426	122,618	..	..	1,494	3,156,992
1952-53..	1,195,046	872,085	496,982	305,264	248,925	128,125	..	..	1,878	3,248,305
1953-54..	1,173,058	874,376	496,802	301,146	253,442	125,400	..	..	1,695	3,225,919
1954-55..	1,250,268	892,301	512,445	297,284	261,129	127,502	7,435	12,551	1,392	3,862,307

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 95.)

(£.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.									
1949-50 ..	1,064,698	6,666	141,446	33,089	18,163	2,010	..	..	1,266,072
1950-51 ..	25,324	7,731	22,485	350	5,360	1,194	..	..	62,444
1951-52 ..	55,135	11,215	114,226	1,025	4,874	1,036	..	..	187,011
1952-53 ..	2,686,297	923,732	662,099	132,042	123,732	41,845	..	..	4,569,747
1953-54 ..	1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	..	..	2,505,463
1954-55 ..	253,974	99,305	270,416	12,386	26,709	15,952	112	584	679,438
Quarter ended—									
December 1954	52,240	23,474	36,644	3,165	5,099	6,262	22	208	127,114
March 1955	48,981	22,098	98,014	3,151	6,783	2,547	23	164	181,761
June ..	50,285	13,438	84,283	2,023	7,159	1,967	60	119	159,339
September ..	38,750	13,391	28,475	2,124	11,134	2,935	11	90	96,910
December ..	24,653	12,425	16,832	1,609	10,887	2,876	11	30	69,323

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1949-50 ..	307,315	217,782	111,840	83,828	58,323	36,928	..	..	816,014
1950-51 ..	296,418	197,719	96,540	70,770	53,911	30,358	..	..	745,716
1951-52 ..	262,244	181,117	123,075	70,482	48,691	24,278	..	..	709,887
1952-53 ..	546,432	370,354	203,889	133,785	84,682	49,154	..	..	1,393,294
1953-54 ..	697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	..	..	1,675,568
1954-55 ..	673,235	387,452	254,982	137,117	98,868	61,716	1,559	2,913	1,607,842
Quarter ended—									
December 1954	156,620	99,482	68,687	34,427	25,429	13,618	501	960	399,724
March 1955	159,218	88,932	82,199	36,505	23,587	11,196	419	619	402,675
June ..	164,957	102,564	50,306	33,073	24,141	13,907	352	774	380,074
September ..	139,015	95,796	48,749	36,373	23,757	14,110	414	890	409,044
December ..	146,671	88,329	62,394	29,459	22,146	12,963	379	658	362,999

(a) In addition £424,338 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1949-50; £229,053 during 1950-51; £110,759 during 1951-52; £292,431 during 1952-53; £362,398 during 1953-54; and £352,587 during 1954-55, these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947-1955 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefits is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 1s. if 18 and under 21 years and 5s. for a dependent child. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from an approved Friendly Society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons over 16 years of age to 20s. for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment and Year.	Number of War Pensions Current at 30th June.				Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.			Expenditure during Year. (a)
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£'000.
1954-55.								
New South Wales(b)	67,975	113,282	16,902	198,159	4 10 8	1 13 4	2 13 0	15,151
Victoria ..	56,011	92,344	13,998	162,353	4 14 6	1 14 9	2 15 4	12,660
Queensland ..	25,063	46,063	5,197	76,323	4 18 9	1 9 11	2 12 6	5,914
South Australia(c)	19,325	33,288	3,993	61,606	4 12 6	1 9 4	2 9 2	4,389
Western Australia	17,973	32,322	3,822	54,117	4 2 6	1 9 0	2 6 9	3,800
Tasmania ..	8,112	15,974	1,645	25,731	5 11 9	1 11 7	2 16 10	2,032
United Kingdom	1,415	1,685	1,216	4,316	5 3 11	3 12 2	4 2 7	496
Elsewhere ..	381	403	148	932	4 9 1	2 14 1	3 8 5	74
Total ..	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13 2	1 12 8	2 13 0	44,516
1953-54..	192,203	324,514	46,949	563,666	4 6 9	1 11 5	2 10 4	36,797
1952-53..	188,395	308,757	46,822	543,974	4 1 1	1 11 1	2 8 5	34,356
1951-52..	184,848	292,952	47,015	524,815	3 13 4	1 8 9	2 4 6	31,845
1950-51..	180,836	274,654	47,185	502,675	3 6 4	1 9 1	2 2 6	26,192
1938-39..	77,151	144,571	27,571	249,293	1 19 10	0 16 6	1 3 8	7,819

(a) Includes Service Pensions in 1954-55.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

State of Payment and Year.	Number of Service Pensions Current at 30th June.					Average Fort- nightly Rate of Pensions.	Expendi- ture during Year. (a)	
	Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuber- culosis.				Total.
	Members of Forces.	Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.	Members of Forces.	Depend- ants.			
1954-55.								
New South Wales(b)	4,177	1,683	1,708	191	274	8,033	5 8 9	
Victoria ..	2,148	1,380	1,245	86	106	4,965	5 6 11	
Queensland ..	1,821	966	851	36	50	3,724	5 11 0	
South Australia(c)	856	614	623	22	46	2,161	5 5 4	
Western Australia	1,290	698	624	38	42	2,692	5 6 0	
Tasmania ..	274	214	235	6	12	741	5 0 6	
Australia ..	10,566	5,555	5,286	379	530	22,316	5 7 9	
1953-54 ..	9,648	5,294	5,092	321	451	20,806	5 4 2	
1952-53 ..	8,703	4,971	4,780	291	432	19,177	4 16 6	
1951-52 ..	7,587	4,561	4,270	269	389	17,076	4 6 9	
1950-51 ..	7,456	4,492	3,911	279	374	16,512	3 13 11	
1938-39 ..	3,397	3,393	4,667	619	1,032	13,108	1 5 10	
							407	

(a) Included with War Pensions in 1954-55.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.
(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
			Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

1953.

New South Wales(a)	..	2,533	14,989	448,914	401,679
Victoria ..	..	2,000	10,267	283,041	257,784
Queensland ..	..	1,563	6,101	(b) 176,300	155,974
South Australia ..	..	685	4,042	108,846	100,724
Western Australia ..	..	482	2,948	82,590	76,032
Tasmania ..	..	322	1,822	48,592	43,907
Northern Territory(c)	..	10	68	1,632	1,541
Australia ..	..	7,595	40,237	1,149,915	1,037,641
1952 ..	..	7,620	38,407	1,088,087	974,934
1951 ..	..	7,648	36,740	1,012,874	899,514
1950 ..	..	7,790	36,085	958,112	844,123
1949 ..	..	7,874	34,090	917,256	810,800
1939 ..	..	9,940	31,199	859,663	744,095

NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.(d)

1953.

New South Wales(a)	..	760	6,105	145,380	134,746
Victoria ..	..	489	3,449	109,607	(e) 100,742
Queensland ..	..	271	1,975	51,169	46,578
South Australia ..	..	148	1,057	23,631	21,318
Western Australia ..	..	229	881	26,005	24,531
Tasmania ..	..	59	418	9,885	8,863
Northern Territory(c)	..	2	13	409	378
Australia ..	..	1,958	13,898	366,086	337,156
1952 ..	..	1,926	13,714	347,831	315,796
1951 ..	..	1,890	13,251	326,258	293,429
1950 ..	..	1,870	12,909	309,673	275,562
1949 ..	..	1,843	12,526	293,306	264,164
1939 ..	..	1,863	11,496	250,860	219,171

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
ended 30th June, 1954.

(b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1953.

(d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

(c) Year

(e) Es-

UNIVERSITIES.

University or College and Year.	Teaching Staff.		Students Enrolled.	Degrees Conferred.	Total Income.	Total Expenditure.
	Full-time.	Part-time.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	(a) £	(a) £
1954.						
Sydney	480	402	6,983	1,388	2,396,862	1,866,462
Melbourne	376	209	6,888	1,035	2,014,734	1,837,605
Queensland (Brisbane) ..	253	205	4,112	377	913,460	926,662
Adelaide	182	147	4,115	334	885,411	808,829
Western Australia (Perth)	113	34	1,852	209	586,114	587,047
Tasmania (Hobart) ..	74	14	699	75	274,734	264,931
N.S.W. University of Technology (Sydney) ..	279	421	4,159	81	1,776,959	1,645,371
New England (Armidale, N.S.W.)	57	16	239	..	497,702	235,750
Canberra University College	26	25	327	..	87,361	85,415
Australia	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	9,433,337	8,258,072
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1950	1,298	1,090	30,630	4,506	3,756,978	3,746,602
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

NOTE.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1954 a full-time teaching staff of 97, with 71 Post-graduate scholars. In 1954 the income was £1,569,146 and the expenditure was £1,501,404 (see Note (a)).

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory and Year.	Police.	Prisons.	Prisoners at end of Period.
1953.			
New South Wales	4,661	(a) 15	(a) 2,155
Victoria	3,047	10	1,173
Queensland(a)	2,403	7	617
South Australia	(a) 1,107	16	401
Western Australia(a)	936	19	360
Tasmania(a)	438	2	152
Northern Territory(a)	56	2	47
Australian Capital Territory ..	57	..	..
Australia	12,705	71	4,905
1952	12,675	70	4,930
1951	12,318	69	4,444
1950	11,677	71	4,089
1949	11,238	71	3,982
1939	9,566	74	3,336

(a) Year ended 30th June, 1954.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds. (a)	Staff.		In- patients Treated. (b)	Revenue. (c)	Expendi- ture. (c)
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1953-54.							
New South Wales	259	19,235	3,801	10,015	398,863	19,247	19,084
Victoria ..	114	11,286	1,862	6,460	197,343	14,902	14,905
Queensland ..	138	9,971	723	4,291	188,057	10,408	9,567
South Australia ..	62	3,434	522	2,023	62,138	3,693	3,693
Western Australia	95	4,090	352	2,095	72,197	4,519	4,261
Tasmania ..	26	2,226	186	1,046	33,055	1,756	1,711
Nor. Territory ..	4	320	13	94	5,171	31	406
Aust. Cap. Terr...	1	250	28	92	4,464	258	257
Australia ..	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,884
1952-53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541
1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328
1950-51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	32,406	32,582
1949-50	648	45,559	5,917	22,235	823,395	24,944	26,205
1938-39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,351

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1953-54 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,083,857; Victoria 447,838; Queensland, 544,795; South Australia, 108,542; Western Australia, 104,936 (estimated); Tasmania, 106,950; Northern Territory, 55,275; and Australian Capital Territory, 6,388. Australia, 2,453,631. (c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

State and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds.	Staff.		Patients at end of Year.	Revenue.	Expendi- ture.
			Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.
1953-54.							
New South Wales	13	12,393	(a) 45	1,969	13,169	509	4,174
Victoria(b) ..	10	7,123	64	1,700	7,936	(c) 176	(c) 4,269
Queensland(d) ..	4	4,553	11	844	4,621	15	1,407
South Australia..	2	2,624	12	399	2,644	116	922
Western Australia ^b	4	1,611	5	285	1,721	(c) 58	(c) 613
Tasmania ..	1	780	3	218	771	14	296
Australia ..	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681
1952-53	33	28,546	149	5,132	30,190	866	10,714
1951-52	33	27,573	167	4,985	29,563	861	8,749
1950-51	33	27,512	138	4,826	28,932	812	6,450
1949-50	33	27,397	128	4,694	27,922	725	5,391
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904

(a) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists.
(d) Includes the Epileptic Home.

(b) Year 1953.

(c) Year 1953-54.

Section VIII.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Inter-minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks. (b)	Bills Payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities	
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.					
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(c)									
1951-52	90,595	20,093	110,688	..	2,644	8,524	121,856
1952-53	96,664	22,817	119,481	..	3,820	8,569	131,870
1953-54	120,835	35,352	156,237	..	2,034	11,766	170,037
1954-55	130,909	43,549	174,458	..	309	16,148	190,915
Quarter ended—									
December, 1954	131,285	44,135	175,420	..	330	16,133	191,883
March, 1955	131,406	43,311	174,717	..	320	16,642	191,679
June	135,659	45,784	181,443	..	305	16,773	198,521
September	131,453	48,509	179,962	..	271	16,314	196,547
December	138,770	48,132	186,902	..	313	18,208	205,423
Month of—									
October, 1955	136,534	48,625	185,159	..	267	18,022	203,448
November	139,609	48,400	188,009	..	304	17,738	206,051
December	140,354	47,028	187,382	..	387	19,242	207,011

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1951-52	729	963,524	238,217	1,201,741	158	61,527	14,970	1,279,125
1952-53	226	943,747	218,690	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953-54	14	1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158	3,360	14,980	1,293,903
1954-55	9	1,047,677	262,986	1,310,663	158	3,282	16,432	1,330,544
Quarter ended—								
December, 1954	8	1,037,780	263,171	1,300,951	158	3,193	16,935	1,321,245
March, 1955	8	1,086,235	266,503	1,352,738	158	3,238	17,110	1,373,252
June	7	1,059,259	266,260	1,325,519	158	3,938	16,845	1,346,467
September	6	1,002,952	264,357	1,267,309	158	3,260	14,994	1,285,727
December	6	1,034,066	261,915	1,295,981	158	3,439	17,769	1,317,353
Month of—								
October, 1955	6	1,013,074	263,973	1,277,047	158	3,645	16,491	1,297,347
November	6	1,033,953	261,847	1,295,800	158	3,754	17,835	1,317,553
December	6	1,062,245	259,283	1,321,528	158	2,638	19,364	1,343,694

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	19,336	37,445	13,369	50,814	..	504	1,478	72,132
1952-53	19,286	35,848	15,302	51,150	..	622	525	71,583
1953-54	19,734	39,408	15,309	54,717	..	664	454	75,569
1954-55	20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484	..	554	461	79,019
Quarter ended—								
December, 1954	20,471	40,169	16,033	56,202	..	555	596	77,824
March, 1955	20,485	43,069	16,298	59,367	..	535	431	80,818
June	20,679	40,759	16,113	56,872	..	692	443	78,686
September	20,787	36,963	16,488	53,451	..	1,304	529	76,071
December	20,673	36,949	16,423	53,372	..	1,566	507	76,118
Month of—								
October, 1955	20,780	36,249	16,514	52,763	..	1,683	515	75,741
November	20,714	36,781	16,397	53,178	..	1,601	533	76,026
December	20,462	38,162	16,343	54,505	..	1,355	451	76,773

ALL-CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	20,065	1,091,564	271,679	1,363,243	158	64,675	24,972	1,473,113
1952-53	19,512	1,076,259	256,818	1,333,077	158	15,070	23,341	1,391,158
1953-54	19,748	1,196,000	290,435	1,486,435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,559
1954-55	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,542,605	158	4,145	33,041	1,600,478
Quarter ended—								
December, 1954	20,479	1,209,234	323,339	1,532,573	158	4,078	33,664	1,590,952
March, 1955	20,493	1,260,710	326,112	1,586,822	158	4,093	34,183	1,645,749
June	20,686	1,235,677	328,157	1,563,834	158	4,935	34,061	1,623,674
September	20,793	1,171,368	329,354	1,500,722	158	4,835	31,837	1,555,345
December	20,679	1,209,785	326,470	1,536,255	158	5,318	36,484	1,598,894
Month of—								
October, 1955	20,786	1,185,857	329,112	1,514,969	158	5,595	35,028	1,576,536
November	20,720	1,210,343	326,644	1,536,987	158	5,659	36,106	1,599,630
December	20,468	1,240,761	322,654	1,563,415	158	4,380	39,057	1,627,478

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances.(b)	Special Account with C'wealth Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(d)									
1951-52	6,581	..	994	26,392	13,274	2	76,407	3,230	126,890
1952-53	8,784	21,731	1,600	17,239	25,840	92	59,492	3,984	138,762
1953-54	11,000	34,800	787	23,404	29,924	1,284	69,204	4,360	174,763
1954-55	10,456	36,061	870	12,260	38,165	1,606	89,138	5,675	194,231
Quarter ended—									
December, 1954 ..	10,299	36,291	925	14,166	39,409	1,604	86,033	5,580	194,307
March, 1955 ..	11,130	34,950	859	13,093	37,878	1,632	90,265	5,846	195,653
June,	10,463	34,527	951	11,600	39,642	1,643	96,922	6,245	201,993
September, ..	10,000	32,835	791	5,000	39,711	1,676	104,886	6,299	201,198
December,	10,519	32,650	1,377	9,209	40,017	1,667	104,932	6,939	207,310
Month of—									
October, 1955 ..	10,771	32,650	1,210	8,500	40,017	1,661	104,999	6,460	206,268
November, ..	10,069	32,650	1,582	10,500	40,017	1,664	104,962	6,944	208,388
December,	10,934	32,650	1,257	8,000	40,017	1,680	104,794	7,570	206,902

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.

1951-52	60,589	465,991	29,140	32,402	68,416	1,124	621,435	33,151	1,312,248
1952-53	74,712	211,737	22,580	123,059	86,513	2,313	638,092	29,693	1,188,699
1953-54	71,244	285,226	17,346	99,368	130,306	3,588	658,534	36,549	1,302,161
1954-55	66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	121,927	3,425	776,762	48,925	1,357,102
Quarter ended—									
December, 1954 ..	67,466	267,012	19,334	41,167	115,034	2,935	783,977	46,845	1,343,770
March, 1955 ..	73,148	259,613	18,717	89,404	125,176	2,536	773,074	50,381	1,392,044
June, ..	61,734	254,296	19,377	45,923	126,805	3,280	808,986	53,401	1,373,803
September, ..	67,191	234,026	17,418	21,481	110,172	4,997	824,178	54,580	1,334,042
December, ..	66,336	231,903	21,436	33,708	109,193	6,459	823,776	57,337	1,350,148
Month of—									
October, 1955 ..	64,057	231,903	19,299	27,500	106,847	6,083	831,393	57,098	1,344,180
November, ..	65,133	231,903	22,824	31,900	110,340	6,789	823,260	57,987	1,350,136
December, ..	71,380	231,903	21,971	45,000	110,412	6,407	814,479	56,571	1,358,123

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	5,104	2,612	1,800	2,925	14,880	111	61,816	5,423	94,671
1952-53	4,640	1,153	2,176	3,911	13,874	149	64,731	3,792	94,426
1953-54	5,091	1,090	2,409	7,326	13,977	432	65,982	3,815	100,122
1954-55	4,586	1,108	2,198	5,641	13,972	701	72,189	4,923	105,318
Quarter ended—									
December, 1954 ..	4,680	1,117	2,480	4,388	14,343	698	72,173	4,349	104,228
March, 1955 ..	4,656	1,107	2,442	6,728	13,730	526	72,781	5,158	107,158
June, ..	4,242	1,091	1,670	4,961	13,511	523	74,415	5,137	105,560
September, ..	3,891	926	1,638	3,196	13,733	382	74,580	4,786	103,132
December, ..	3,826	891	1,672	3,300	14,086	199	76,075	4,778	104,827
Month of—									
October, 1955 ..	3,862	891	1,560	3,350	13,930	204	75,922	4,713	104,432
November, ..	3,583	891	1,715	3,200	13,946	200	76,313	4,859	104,707
December, ..	4,183	891	1,750	3,400	14,526	192	75,882	4,731	105,555

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

1951-52	72,274	468,603	31,934	61,719	96,570	1,237	759,658	41,804	1,533,799
1952-53	88,136	234,621	26,356	144,209	126,227	2,554	762,315	37,469	1,421,887
1953-54	87,335	321,116	20,542	130,098	174,207	5,304	793,720	44,724	1,577,046
1954-55	81,950	306,286	21,504	69,503	174,064	5,732	938,089	59,523	1,656,651
Quarter ended—									
December, 1954 ..	82,445	304,420	22,739	59,721	168,786	5,237	942,183	56,774	1,642,305
March, 1955 ..	88,934	295,670	22,018	109,225	176,784	4,694	936,120	61,385	1,694,830
June, ..	76,439	289,914	21,998	62,484	179,958	5,446	980,323	64,783	1,681,345
September, ..	81,082	267,787	19,847	29,677	163,616	7,055	1,003,644	65,665	1,638,373
December, ..	80,681	265,444	24,485	46,217	163,296	8,325	1,004,783	69,054	1,662,285
Month of—									
October, 1955 ..	78,690	265,444	22,069	39,350	160,794	7,948	1,012,314	68,271	1,654,880
November, ..	78,785	265,444	26,121	45,600	164,303	8,653	1,004,535	69,790	1,663,231
December, ..	86,497	265,444	24,978	56,400	164,955	8,279	995,155	68,872	1,670,580

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets.
(£'000.)

Period.	Advances.					Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.
	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.		Total.		
			Hire Purchase	Other.			
1951-52	19,653	4,153	15,480	8,666	47,952	63	463
1952-53	44,863	4,267	14,847	8,145	72,122	469	946
1953-54	43,183	4,528	16,631	4,749	69,091	628	1,745
1954-55	62,316	4,837	17,015	6,717	90,885	747	2,146
Quarter ended—							
December, 1954 ..	45,102	4,761	17,308	6,344	73,515	825	1,926
March, 1955 ..	73,190	4,900	17,103	6,367	101,560	754	2,265
June, ..	72,732	4,996	16,777	7,996	102,501	531	2,518
September, ..	52,354	5,068	16,905	8,603	82,930	527	2,462
December, ..	49,388	5,085	17,149	9,105	80,727	446	2,825
Month of—							
October, 1955 ..	52,037	5,092	16,995	8,880	83,004	438	2,875
November, ..	46,689	5,095	17,200	9,102	78,086	420	2,875
December, ..	50,353	5,059	17,268	9,411	82,091	500	2,675

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.)

(£A'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Li- abilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Govern- ment and Other Securities (including Treas- ury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
1951-52	38,087	255,552	293,639	468,800	31,112	270,937	470,644	503,089
1952-53	36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363,576	434,771
1953-54	38,539	299,684	338,223	306,820	41,731	283,397	512,615	407,979
1954-55	40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839
Quarter ended—								
December, 1954 ..	41,121	316,310	357,431	304,420	36,938	245,132	423,025	471,385
March, 1955 ..	42,450	316,415	358,865	295,670	41,892	244,140	408,009	452,049
June, " ..	41,418	322,524	363,942	289,914	31,161	233,754	377,151	460,643
September, " ..	40,150	325,910	366,060	267,787	37,682	213,227	342,025	486,641
December, " ..	42,872	333,839	376,711	265,444	35,081	208,396	300,922	536,385
Month of—								
October, 1955 ..	40,685	329,568	370,253	265,444	34,354	210,453	303,339	525,413
November, " ..	41,359	331,444	372,803	265,444	34,820	208,666	300,983	535,339
December, " ..	48,308	343,528	391,836	265,444	36,484	205,202	297,599	552,757

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.	25th Dec., 1939.	31st Dec., 1952.	30th Dec., 1953.	29th Dec., 1954.	26th Oct., 1955.	30th Nov., 1955.	28th Dec., 1955.
10s.	4,806	10,340	10,571	10,912	10,343	10,466	11,241
£1	25,805	73,269	73,780	75,896	68,284	68,851	75,106
£5	15,254	165,293	182,781	194,831	182,138	183,199	205,005
£10	6,613	92,856	95,916	109,382	109,260	110,042	121,939
£20	96	6	6	6	4	4	4
£50	1,563	54	52	50	47	47	47
£100	2,615	60	58	55	51	51	50
£1,000	523	540	449	695	626	843	611
Held by Banks	13,009	42,713	46,995	52,223	40,887	41,466	54,935
" " Public	44,266	299,705	316,618	339,604	329,866	332,037	359,068
Total ..	57,275	342,418	363,613	391,827	370,753	373,503	414,003

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
ALL SAVINGS BANKS.(a)									
June—1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1952 ..	304,532	300,832	102,661	103,726	47,171	30,119	1,036	1,821	891,898
1953 ..	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954 ..	339,796	339,791	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955 ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
Dec., 1954	347,839	350,923	123,426	126,513	52,875	34,722	1,360	2,471	1,040,129
Mar., 1955	350,879	354,517	122,164	128,523	52,522	35,099	1,362	2,491	1,047,557
June, ..	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
Sept., ..	359,521	368,892	126,535	132,890	54,574	36,698	1,562	2,682	1,083,354
Oct., 1955	362,247	370,127	127,613	133,562	54,914	36,807	1,523	2,708	1,089,501
Nov., ..	361,816	371,069	127,669	132,919	54,669	36,492	1,531	2,732	1,088,897
Dec., ..	364,119	371,392	128,132	132,760	54,372	36,893	1,522	2,679	1,091,369

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.

June—1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1952 ..	304,532	76,485	102,661	22,502	47,171	11,406	1,036	1,821	567,614
1953 ..	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,363
1954 ..	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955 ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
Dec., 1954	347,839	99,134	123,426	29,382	52,875	13,270	1,360	2,471	669,757
Mar., 1955	350,879	101,392	122,164	29,810	52,522	13,334	1,362	2,491	673,954
June, ..	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
Sept., ..	359,521	106,622	126,535	30,987	54,574	13,973	1,562	2,682	696,456
Oct., 1955	362,247	107,333	127,613	31,185	54,914	13,995	1,523	2,708	701,518
Nov., ..	361,816	107,682	127,669	31,038	54,669	13,884	1,531	2,732	701,621
Dec., ..	364,119	108,122	128,132	31,037	54,372	13,870	1,522	2,679	703,853

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of December, 1955, was £24,879,417.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total
1951-52	156,602	142,358	41,516	30,792	21,810	8,872	471	402,421
1952-53	151,938	131,998	43,796	30,063	22,091	8,850	580	389,316
1953-54	171,709	154,885	51,032	32,802	25,339	9,938	775	446,480
1954-55	187,471	176,147	53,873	36,287	26,247	10,716	821	491,562
Quarter ended—								
December, 1954 ..	190,536	178,111	55,567	36,473	26,520	10,387	786	498,380
March, 1955	182,946	181,117	51,719	36,799	26,961	10,579	861	490,982
June,	198,869	182,826	54,953	37,992	26,187	11,849	954	513,632
September,	193,535	172,984	56,203	36,669	25,062	10,984	926	496,363
December,	211,406	195,159	58,105	40,625	27,463	11,336	999	545,093
Month of—								
October, 1955 ..	202,869	183,846	57,045	37,556	25,924	10,986	1,001	519,227
November,	216,066	196,141	57,731	41,543	27,656	11,207	1,028	551,372
December,	214,117	205,244	59,633	42,547	28,760	11,846	963	563,110

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operated.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaranteed Loans ..	3½	1.8.52	3¼
—Other ..	4	1.8.52	3½
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	4½	1.8.52	4
Over 20 years	4½	1.8.52	4½
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans ..	4¾	1.8.52	4¼
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
Loans to Local Government Authorities ..	4¾ to 4⅞	23.10.52	4⅞ to 4¾
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans ..	4½	1.8.52	3⅞
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia(a)—			
Overdraft—General	4¾	1.8.52	4¼
Local Government Authorities ..	4½	1.8.52	4
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft (Maximum Rate)	5	1.8.52	4½
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	5 to 5½	1.4.54	5
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term ..	4½	25.11.52	3¾
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates) ..	1	1.8.52	¾
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	1¼	1.1.55	1
6 months	1½	1.1.55	1½
12 months	1¾	1.1.55	1½
24 months	2	1.1.55	1¾(b)
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed Deposits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank—			
£1 to £500	2½	1.1.55	2¼
£501 to £1,500 (c)	1¼	1.8.52	1
State Savings Bank of Victoria—			
£1 to £500	2½	1.1.55	2¼
£501 to £1,500 (c)	1¼	1.8.52	1
Savings Bank of South Australia—			
£1 to £750	2½	1.1.55	(d)
£751 to £1,500 (c)	1½	1.1.55	(d)
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston—£1 to £450	2¾	1.1.55	2½

(a) Rates quoted prior to 3rd December, 1953, are for the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) 1½ per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (c) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are—On amounts up to £2,000, 2½ per cent.; £2,001 and over, 1½ per cent.

(d) Prior to 1st January, 1955, interest rates payable by the Savings Bank of South Australia were as follows:—Deposits £1–£500, 2½ per cent.; £501–£1,500, 1½ per cent.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS.
(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks—						C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate of Interest).	Treasury Bills (Dis-count Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales Urban and Rural Securities. (c) (d)
	Fixed Deposits.				Overdrafts.				Short-dated 2 Years. (b)	Long-dated 12 Years. (b)	
	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.					
1938-39 ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(e)	2.00	1.75	(f)3.67	(f)3.84	5.4
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(g)1.50	(h)4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	0.96	1.21	1.46	1.73	4.71	4.96	2.23	0.98	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.49	4.50	5.2
Month of—											(i)
Dec., 1954	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.45	4.51	5.2
Mar., 1955	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.49	4.53	5.3
June „	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.23	4.51	5.5
Sept. „	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.23	4.51	5.5
Oct. „	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	3.96	4.53	5.6
Nov. „	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.07	4.52	5.6
Dec. „	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.19	4.53	5.7

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.

(c) This series has been revised and now covers both rural and urban securities. A dissection of mortgage registrations between urban and rural is no longer available.

(d) Average of monthly quotations.

(e) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent.

(f) Weighted averages for loans maturing in (i) under 5 years and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity.

(g) From December, 1945, to July 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess.

(h) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower.

(i) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES : AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Country.	Basis of Quotation.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Dec. 1954.	Dec. 1955.
United Kingdom ..	£A. to £100 Eng.	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50	125.50
South Africa ..	£A. to £100 S.A.	125.55	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79	125.79
New Zealand ..	£A. to £100 N.Z.	100.59	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.54
Fiji ..	£A. to £100 F.	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
United States of America	Dollars to £A.1	3.76	2.23	2.24	2.23	2.22	2.23
Canada ..	Dollars to £A.1	3.78	2.16	2.19	2.17	2.15	2.23
Belgium ..	Francs to £A.1	110.94	110.72	110.88	110.60	110.36	110.63
Denmark ..	Kroner to £A.1	17.78	15.30	15.34	15.38	15.35	15.30
France ..	Francs to £A.1	141.21	781.16	777.96	776.71	777.08	779.46
Holland ..	Florins to £A.1	6.94	8.40	8.34	8.42	8.40	8.43
Philippines ..	Pesos to £A.1	7.53	4.42	4.46	4.45	4.46	4.43
Norway ..	Kroner to £A.1	15.80	15.82	15.83	15.84	15.85	15.84
Noumea ..	Francs to £A.1	(a)	138.94	138.65	138.61	138.61	138.61
Sweden ..	Kronor to £A.1	15.41	11.51	11.49	11.51	11.62	11.50
Switzerland ..	Francs to £A.1	16.59	9.68	9.69	9.71	9.70	9.73
Hong Kong ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	18.88	18.83	18.83	18.84	18.84	18.77
India ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	22.60	22.77	22.76	22.73	22.73	22.72
Pakistan ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(b)	32.69	32.69	32.69	32.69	22.72
Ceylon ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Rupee	(c)	22.81	22.81	22.80	22.77	22.80
Singapore ..	Pence Aust. to 1 Dollar	35.22	35.40	35.30	35.42	35.44	35.47

(a) Not available.

(b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India.

(c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

EXCLUDES BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OFFICE.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

Period.	New Policies Issued.					Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(c)				
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.		No.	Sum Assured.	No.	Sum Assured.	
1939.. ..	135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	£'000. 65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132	£'000. 36,226
1951-52	233,280	221,572	278,594	33,804	255,376	110,274	59,272	229,652	16,641	75,913
1952-53	283,718	225,044	274,232	35,347	261,291	117,886	67,157	250,106	19,081	86,238
1953-54	284,504	254,125	239,569	32,562	286,687	143,766	81,268	261,779	20,556	101,824
1954-55	282,059	292,374	220,979	32,809	325,183	149,683	93,932	275,754	22,538	116,470
Quarter ended—										
December, 1954 ..	76,874	80,502	53,131	8,020	88,522	38,240	22,812	74,203	6,095	28,907
March, 1955 ..	50,478	49,469	40,920	5,948	55,417	34,601	22,408	65,055	5,611	28,019
June, " ..	71,397	89,958	57,373	8,789	89,747	37,144	25,097	68,080	5,658	30,755
September, " ..	93,460	98,585	60,451	9,441	108,026	41,880	28,965	63,179	4,877	33,842
December, " ..	74,225	95,005	54,380	8,597	103,602	42,195	25,736	76,990	6,610	32,346
Month of—										
October, 1955 ..	20,584	22,642	19,056	2,887	25,529	13,327	7,917	26,468	2,285	10,202
November, " ..	25,097	26,896	18,249	2,846	29,742	13,833	8,445	22,778	1,980	10,425
December, " ..	27,944	45,467	17,075	2,864	48,331	15,035	9,374	27,744	2,345	11,710

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Premiums.(b)			Claims, &c., Paid.(c)			New Loans Granted.(d)
	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Total.	
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(e)
1951-52	43,817	13,224	57,041	17,287	6,558	23,845	47,555
1952-53	50,237	13,761	63,998	18,911	7,426	26,337	36,136
1953-54	56,152	14,062	70,214	21,148	8,036	29,184	34,459
1954-55	62,101	14,616	76,717	23,791	8,853	32,644	51,825
Quarter ended—							
December, 1954 ..	15,092	4,014	19,106	6,112	2,177	8,289	13,395
March, 1955 ..	13,991	3,114	17,105	5,218	2,109	7,327	11,804
June, " ..	17,611	3,781	21,392	6,188	2,259	8,447	16,063
September, " ..	17,586	3,635	21,221	7,161	2,520	9,681	14,491
December, " ..	16,884	4,104	20,988	6,781	2,311	9,092	15,931
Month of—							
October, 1955 ..	5,192	1,262	6,454	2,020	821	2,841	4,447
November, " ..	5,352	1,284	6,636	2,177	784	2,961	6,011
December, " ..	6,340	1,558	7,898	2,584	706	3,290	5,473

(a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Excludes advances of premiums. (e) Not available.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 39-49.

OVERSEA SHIPPING—ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Entrances.				Clearances.			
	With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		With Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.	
	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons.
1938-39 ..	1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835
1950-51 ..	1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707
1951-52 ..	1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252
1952-53 ..	1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867
1953-54 ..	1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2,074	8,854
1954-55 ..	1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064
Six months ended—								
December, 1954	943	4,296	1,086	4,696	733	3,048	1,102	4,848
December, 1955	1,032	4,947	1,200	5,392	797	3,241	1,200	5,386

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.
(‘000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory, and Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1954.								
New South Wales ..	2,310	193	1,463	585	1,774	209	649	212
Victoria ..	1,097	185	1,947	589	414	217	611	243
Queensland ..	193	166	476	95	309	64	709	63
South Australia ..	877	95	507	165	1,860	107	644	63
Western Australia ..	243	131	521	112	412	46	354	42
Tasmania ..	291	109	111	19	276	134	32	6
Northern Territory ..	18	..	18	..	2	..	..	..
Australia ..	5,029	879	5,043	1,565	5,047	777	2,999	629

SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1955.

New South Wales ..	2,501	174	1,518	735	1,860	163	595	238
Victoria ..	1,389	197	2,331	730	645	227	609	271
Queensland ..	247	167	450	129	312	64	722	73
South Australia ..	1,008	84	334	206	1,904	91	644	86
Western Australia ..	178	122	1,322	74	856	56	331	53
Tasmania ..	357	185	106	16	251	173	36	7
Northern Territory ..	17	1	23	1	2	..	..	..
Australia ..	5,697	930	6,084	1,891	5,830	774	2,937	728
Total 1954-55 ..	10,136	1,621	10,992	3,403	10,213	1,472	6,083	1,420
" 1953-54 ..	9,059	1,790	8,520	2,812	9,105	1,539	5,765	1,355
" 1952-53 ..	8,995	1,492	7,733	1,929	8,447	1,275	6,045	1,452
" 1951-52 ..	7,972	1,638	9,727	4,682	7,697	1,325	4,487	1,231
" 1950-51 ..	6,980	1,612	9,084	3,989	6,723	1,326	5,405	1,295
" 1949-50 ..	6,447	1,520	7,686	3,576	6,419	1,207	5,061	1,388
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st December, 1955—continued.**

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore in Casks, Bags or Drums	118s. 6d. per ton weight
Zinc—	
<i>Ex Risdon</i>	118s. 6d. " " "
Other than above	102s. 6d. " " "
Dust (in cases)	42s. " " "
Sheet (in cases)	185s. " " "
Copper (ingots)	173s. 6d. " " "
Lead	95s. " " "
Steel—	
Billets (up to 30 feet)	130s. " " "
Tyres	148s. " " "
Tin Clippings hydraulically pressed	90s. " " "

**RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUB-
STITUTES THEREOF—**

Rubber	162s. per ton measurement.
Leather	393s. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—	
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths	74s. 5d. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths	79s. 11d. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths	85s. 10d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths	43s. 10d. " " "

EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA AND GLASS

.. .. .	179s. per ton measurement.
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STATIONERY

.. .. .	179s. " " "
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DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	179s. " " weight
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap	179s. " " measurement.
Casein	283s. 6d. " " weight

SPECIE

.. .. .	15s. per cent.
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**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES.
GENERAL CARGO, 31st December, 1955.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Brisbane	133 0	133 0	..	152 6	..
Sydney	152 6	131 6	..	131 6	..
Melbourne	155 0	145 6	..	116 0	..
Adelaide	171 0(a)	163 6	..	155 6	..
Fremantle	148 6(b)	127 6	..	114 0	..
Hobart	162 0(b)	127 6	..	100 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	344 6	363 6	..	..	..
Darwin	142 0	135 0	218 0(d)	135 0	255 6
Auckland(c)	142 0(d)	135 0(d)	..	135 0(d)	255 6(d)
Wellington	142 0	135 0	218 0(d)	135 0	255 6
Lyttleton(c)	142 0	135 0	218 0(d)	135 0	255 6
Dunedin(c) .. .. .	..	260 0	..	..	285 0
New Hebrides—Vila .. .. .	..	240 0	..	..	265 0
Norfolk Island	205 0	205 0	..	205 0	205 0
Papua—	205 0	205 0	..	205 0	205 0
Port Moresby .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Samarai	235 0	235 0	..	235 0	235 0
Territory o New Guinea—	215 0	215 0	..	215 0	215 0
Lae and Madang .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Rabaul .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Plus 16s. per ton if trans-shipped. (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Rates expressed in sterling. (d) Includes Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 5-20.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

System.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
ROUTE-MILEAGE OPEN AT END OF YEAR.						
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101	6,102
Victoria ..	4,759	4,686	4,694	4,660	4,482	4,451
Queensland(a) ..	6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,553
South Australia ..	2,557	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564	2,564
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111	4,111
Tasmania ..	658	605	605	605	605	605
Australia ..	27,234	26,946	26,839	26,800	26,624	26,587

REVENUE TRAIN-MILES.
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	902	1,841	1,889	1,738	1,953	2,029
New South Wales ..	30,106	(b)38,112	(b)40,012	36,289	37,506	37,478
Victoria ..	17,890	14,575	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740
Queensland(a) ..	13,927	(c) 18,562	(c) 18,652	18,563	19,241	19,637
South Australia ..	6,177	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359	7,216
Western Australia ..	6,575	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204	7,769
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898	2,067
Australia ..	77,483	88,676	93,363	88,724	93,464	94,936

PASSENGER-JOURNEYS.(d)
(‘000.)

Commonwealth ..	117	186	191	190	224	215
New South Wales ..	186,720	268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904	281,417
Victoria ..	142,124	141,313	165,131	162,857	166,106	169,204
Queensland(a) ..	24,639	34,118	35,003	35,819	35,879	35,919
South Australia ..	17,529	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,605	16,849
Western Australia ..	11,415	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678	10,139
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285	3,114
Australia ..	384,841	476,086	500,484	497,620	510,681	516,857

GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED.
(‘000 tons.)

Commonwealth ..	186	591	694	660	762	816
New South Wales (e) ..	15,417	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140	19,386
Victoria ..	5,976	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200	10,082
Queensland(a) ..	5,234	7,096	6,741	7,351	8,081	8,492
South Australia ..	2,640	3,497	3,941	4,147	4,433	4,474
Western Australia ..	2,859	3,033	3,063	2,619	3,206	3,407
Tasmania ..	844	861	889	897	968	1,041
Australia ..	33,156	40,941	44,349	43,987	46,790	47,698

(a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Estimated. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys. (e) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways—continued.

System.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
GROSS REVENUE.(a) (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	547	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402	3,741
New South Wales ..	19,146	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569	73,361
Victoria ..	9,274	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707	37,667
Queensland(b) ..	7,798	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223	31,625
South Australia ..	3,119	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718	12,939
Western Australia ..	3,599	6,969	8,885	7,667	11,111	12,315
Tasmania ..	487	1,336	1,797	2,039	2,133	2,322
Australia ..	43,970	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863	173,970

WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	642	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897	2,921
New South Wales ..	14,543	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197	68,397
Victoria ..	8,060	20,810	29,612	34,008	35,951	37,032
Queensland(b) ..	6,193	19,427	24,646	27,979	29,103	30,946
South Australia ..	2,931	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934	15,414
Western Australia ..	2,911	8,932	11,016	12,510	14,298	14,690
Tasmania ..	678	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,804	3,077
Australia ..	35,958	112,772	148,174	161,554	168,184	172,477

NET REVENUE. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth ..	— 95	— 281	117	— 18	505	820
New South Wales ..	4,603	280	4,890	6,224	6,372	4,964
Victoria ..	1,214	— 2,159	— 5,426	— 2,144	— 244	635
Queensland(b) ..	1,605	345	— 1,288	— 1,994	1,120	679
South Australia ..	188	— 2,677	— 4,048	— 3,122	— 2,216	— 2,475
Western Australia ..	688	— 1,963	— 2,131	— 4,843	— 3,187	— 2,375
Tasmania ..	— 191	— 673	— 770	— 825	— 671	— 755
Australia ..	8,012	— 7,128	— 8,656	— 6,722	1,679	1,493

RATIO OF WORKING EXPENSES TO GROSS REVENUE.
(PER CENT.)

Commonwealth ..	117.43	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14	78.09
New South Wales ..	75.96	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45	93.23
Victoria ..	86.91	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68	98.31
Queensland(b) ..	79.42	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30	97.85
South Australia ..	93.97	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42	119.12
Western Australia ..	80.90	123.17	123.98	163.18	123.68	119.29
Tasmania ..	139.18	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48	132.50
Australia ..	81.78	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01	99.14

(a) Excludes Government Grants.
Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

Government Railways—continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1954.								
Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,101	4,482	6,491	2,564	4,111	613	26,563
Train-miles '000	524	9,552	4,580	5,221	1,853	1,870	449	24,049
Revenue (c) £'000	206	4,965	2,665	1,328	439	324	51	9,978
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	712	13,918	5,802	7,336	2,747	2,476	483	33,474
Goods, including Live-stock and Minerals	80	231	516	(d)	222	203	10	1,262
Miscellaneous ..	998	19,114	8,983	8,664	3,408	3,003	544	44,714
Total Revenue (c) ..	758	16,582	9,060	7,437	(e) 3,717	3,481	674	41,709
Working Expenses £'000	240	2,532	77	1,227	309	478	130	3,005
Net Revenue .. £'000	75.91	86.75	100.86	85.84	109.07	115.90	123.81	93.28
Ratio of Working Ex-penses to Revenue %	38s. 1d.	35s. 9d.	39s. 3d.	33s. 2d.	36s. 9d.	32s. 1d.	21s. 10d.	35s. 5d.
Revenue per Train-mile	28s. 11d.	31s. 0d.	39s. 7d.	28s. 6d.	40s. 2d.	37s. 3d.	27s. 0d.	33s. 0d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	52	69,256	43,173	9,712	4,227	2,344	823	129,587
Passenger-journeys '000	23	(f) 175	137	232	57	31	4	659
Freight Carried, tons—	139	3	5,094	2,141	509	260	178	68
Livestock ..	3				164	247	46	
Coal and Coke ..	65				1,733	693	541	183
Other Minerals ..								
Other Goods ..								
Total Freight ..	230	5,269	2,278	2,638	1,257	796	255	12,723

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1955.

Route Miles open ..	2,201	6,102	4,451	6,484	2,564	4,111	605	26,518
Train-miles '000	559	9,878	4,637	5,249	1,775	2,057	541	24,696
Revenue (c) £'000	221	5,218	2,680	1,384	443	353	48	10,347
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	820	13,800	5,622	7,367	2,574	2,600	569	33,352
Goods, including Live-stock and Minerals	63	180	556	(d)	212	205	13	1,229
Miscellaneous ..	1,104	19,198	8,858	8,751	3,229	3,158	630	44,928
Total Revenue (c) ..	767	17,851	9,658	8,055	3,853	3,670	757	44,611
Working Expenses £'000	337	1,347	800	696	624	512	127	317
Net Revenue .. £'000	69.50	92.98	109.03	92.04	119.31	116.20	120.19	99.29
Ratio of Working Ex-penses to Revenue %	39s. 5d.	38s. 10d.	38s. 2d.	33s. 4d.	36s. 5d.	29s. 8d.	23s. 3d.	36s. 5d.
Revenue per Train-mile	27s. 5d.	36s. 2d.	41s. 8d.	30s. 8d.	43s. 5d.	34s. 8d.	28s. 0d.	36s. 2d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile ..	55	69,999	43,610	9,728	4,084	3,033	744	131,253
Passenger-journeys '000	40	(f) 185	103	253	48	37	5	671
Freight Carried, tons—	203	7	4,973	2,295	489	79	150	76
Livestock ..	7				195	255	66	
Coal and Coke ..	69				1,704	664	620	198
Other Minerals ..								
Other Goods ..								
Total Freight ..	319	5,158	2,398	2,641	1,046	873	279	12,714

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
 (b) Financial details include road motors. (c) Excludes Government grants. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Includes depreciation. (f) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 45, pages 21-27.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route-mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue. (a)	Working Expenses. (b)	Net Revenue.
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55.						
New South Wales	117	14,663	191,958	4,731	6,416	— 1,685
Victoria ..	175	23,173	220,095	5,345	5,692	— 347
Queensland ..	67	9,642	101,885	2,306	2,317	— 11
South Australia ..	92	7,646	54,909	1,787	2,133	— 346
Western Australia	31	2,205	17,289	487	573	— 86
Tasmania (c) ..	(d) 30	2,946	23,118	611	666	— 55
Total 1954-55 ..	512	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	— 2,530
Total—1953-54(c)	520	63,762	629,557	15,780	18,181	— 2,401
1952-53(c)	544	65,895	647,417	15,968	18,420	— 2,452
1951-52(c)	560	67,923	685,724	15,121	17,109	— 1,988
1950-51(e)	567	71,746	749,138	13,610	14,553	— 943
1938-39 ..	606	81,361	695,476	7,649	6,089	1,560

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (d) Excludes 15 miles of Hobart Omnibus services. (e) Includes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Year.	Route-mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus-mileage.	Passenger-journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1954-55.					
New South Wales ..	484	33,106	217,882	5,686	7,769
Victoria ..	64	7,241	56,511	1,415	1,452
Queensland ..	436	6,137	39,521	879	1,003
South Australia ..	38	2,592	11,538	347	512
Western Australia ..	2,873	6,978	25,813	954	949
Tasmania (c) ..	535	1,137	1,809	205	187
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	46	926	(d) 3,700	127	191
Total 1954-55 ..	4,476	58,117	356,774	9,613	12,063
Total—1953-54 ..	4,591	57,318	347,525	8,853	11,387
1952-53(c) ..	4,533	55,672	340,262	9,320	11,465
1951-52(c) ..	4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950-51(e) ..	3,994	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234
1949-50(e) ..	3,208	53,817	325,079	6,307	6,743

(a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (d) Estimated. (e) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services.

NOTE:—Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations &c. appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

State or Territory and Year.	Registrations at 30th June. (Number.)				Drivers' and Riders' Licences in Force at 30th June.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
						£	£	£	£
1954-55.									
New South Wales	441,896	227,353	39,787	709,036	999,751	8,787,771	782,975	1,489,618	11,060,364
Victoria(b)	456,024	143,930	29,193	629,147	725,826	5,262,968	362,913	964,884	6,590,765
Queensland	163,697	122,623	21,401	307,721	(c)	4,112,477	129,261	914,887	5,156,625
South Australia	142,733	65,129	21,640	229,502	275,798	2,879,983	373,326	91,196	3,344,505
Western Australia	90,255	63,891	14,662	168,808	191,051	1,228,266	112,260	151,189	1,491,715
Tasmania	44,884	21,483	5,306	71,673	83,775	600,152	41,888	146,594	788,634
Northern Territory	1,601	2,836	562	4,999	7,310	32,554	4,822	164	37,540
Australian Capital Territory	5,992	2,364	478	8,834	12,343	47,356	6,365	1,048	54,769
Total 1954-55	1347082	649,609	133,029	2,129,720	22295854	22,951,527	1,813,810	3,759,580	28,524,917
1953-54	1199833	606,899	140,614	1,847,346	22148119	20,450,179	1,634,955	4,326,359	26,411,493
1952-53(e)	1107659	579,444	147,639	1,834,742	2,288,370	18,779,761	1,403,019	3,708,435	23,891,215
1951-52(e)	1030992	580,502	153,933	1,765,427	2,194,167	15,995,554	1,336,530	3,607,266	20,939,350
1950-51(e)	882,455	548,373	145,132	1,575,960	1,985,821	12,333,075	1,141,318	2,403,767	15,878,160
1938-39..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,233,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(b) See note (a) in table below.

(c) Not available.

(d) Excludes Queensland.

(e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (Number.)

Vehicles and Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.									
Motor Cars(b)	467,245	477,346	173,864	150,597	95,007	47,338	1,765	6,570	1,419,732
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	236,430	146,626	126,009	64,314	64,285	22,385	3,058	2,501	665,608
Motor Cycles ..	38,813	27,919	21,017	21,322	14,041	5,081	574	527	129,294
Total ..	742,488	651,891	320,890	236,233	173,333	74,804	5,397	9,598	2,214,634
At 30th June, 1955	709,036	629,147	307,721	229,502	168,808	71,673	4,999	8,834	2,129,720
" " " 1954	654,557	559,246	284,207	218,412	153,936	65,362	3,823	7,803	1,947,346
" " " 1953	613,554	539,828	266,221	205,702	141,945	60,545	(c)	6,947	d1,834,742
" " " 1952	590,532	533,226	255,025	192,313	132,967	55,104	(c)	6,260	d1,765,427
" " " 1939	319,015	261,855	128,163	90,756	69,679	26,360	1,426	2,279	899,533

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(c) Not available.

(d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES. (Number.)

Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955.									
Motor Cars(b)	31,601	29,239	11,651	10,171	5,808	3,040	115	618	92,243
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	13,782	9,038	6,193	3,425	2,867	1,619	162	181	37,267
Motor Cycles ..	1,616	1,154	907	1,032	559	173	32	63	5,536
Total ..	46,999	39,431	18,751	14,628	9,234	4,832	309	862	135,046
Total 1954-55 ..	84,554	69,243	34,116	27,248	19,677	8,483	588	1,362	245,271
1953-54 ..	67,987	50,904	28,455	21,162	16,864	7,133	420	932	193,857
1952-53 ..	53,099	43,132	23,372	17,470	13,283	5,566	(c) 386	688	156,996
1951-52 ..	73,466	70,256	27,270	24,466	17,382	7,278	(d)	817	e220,935
1938-39 ..	30,534	24,270	14,024	8,143	6,046	3,060	(d)	327	(e)86,404

(a) See Note (a) in table above.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(c) Excludes motor cycles.

(d) Not available.

(e) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—Commonwealth-owned vehicles are included except those of Departments of Army and Air.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, page 29.

CIVIL AVIATION. Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc.

Particulars.	At 30th June.				At 30th September.	
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
Registered Aircraft Owners	160	369	384	414	390	426
Registered Aircraft	344	821	845	887	847	896
Pilots' Licences—						
Private	1,123	1,677	2,035	2,245	2,059	2,262
Student	N.A.	2,639	2,831	3,193		
Commercial	376	518	552	582	539	614
Airline Transport		911	917	963	939	967
Flight Navigators' Licences	(a) 65	163	166	161	171	162
Radio Operators' Licences	(b) 75	1,256	1,310	1,344	1,333	1,377
Flight Engineers' Licences		58	67	98	78	102
Ground Engineers' Licences	565	1,790	1,757	1,747	1,742	1,741
Aerodromes—						
Government	71	186	198	183	190	183
Public	213	260	262	304	286	308
Flying Boat Bases and Alighting Areas	11	15	16	13	16	13

Australian Airline Operations, Etc.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Three months ended 30th September.	
					1954.	1955.

REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Hours flown	No.	60,733	237,640	251,019	257,787	63,676	60,945
Miles flown	'000.	7,930	39,059	41,014	43,513	10,572	10,742
Paying passengers	No.	94,174	1,706,440	1,772,357	1,818,125	437,094	476,166
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	35,569	667,321	702,139	765,652	177,243	198,633
Freight—							
Tons (c)		712	57,635	69,479	78,711	17,997	20,585
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	27,167	32,650	30,984	8,780	9,850
Mail—							
Tons (c)	(e)	82	2,311	2,316	2,317	634	563
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	1,166	1,225	1,257	331	323

OVERSEA SERVICES.(f)

Unduplicated route miles	No.	(g) 5,989	(g) 66,558	(g) 64,250	(g) 63,774	(h) 64,768	(h) 58,819
Hours flown		12,677	54,148	53,580	49,326	12,427	11,682
Miles flown	'000.	1,735	11,565	11,464	11,128	2,693	2,731
Paying passengers	No.	5,337	97,753	102,965	114,371	25,383	27,430
Paying passenger-miles	'000.	7,332	275,206	290,603	317,565	75,187	83,981
Freight—							
Tons (c)		66	1,957	2,295	2,662	613	736
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	7,401	8,331	9,372	2,278	2,548
Mail—							
Tons (c)	(e)	277	1,168	1,379	1,442	343	342
Ton-miles (c)	'000.	(d)	6,122	7,718	7,927	1,877	1,786

AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT(g) ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES.

Number	(d)	16	26	22	6	6
Persons Killed	38	5	36	27	5	5
Persons Injured	15	19	27	19	3	8

(a) Navigators' Licences. (b) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators only. (c) In terms of short tons (2,000 lb.). (d) Not available. (e) Net weight. (f) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests. (g) At 30th June. (h) At 30th September. (i) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1944–45 to 1953–54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin No. 45*, on pages 50–71. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 32–37.

TELEPHONES—LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.
(Number.)

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1955.
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Lines connected ..	487,535	985,383	1,049,626	1,127,386	1,172,634
Instruments connected ..	661,996	1,383,702	1,475,513	1,587,082	1,653,149

BROADCASTING—LISTENERS' LICENCES.
(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1951(c)	753,758	586,393	253,019	244,311	159,436	77,743	2,109,660
" " 1952 ..	741,355	520,364	279,852	208,691	141,950	68,832	1,961,044
" " 1953 ..	742,002	533,329	282,338	212,104	145,141	70,741	1,985,655
" " 1954 ..	769,478	545,148	287,683	220,065	148,192	71,047	2,041,613
" " 1955 ..	746,050	549,690	293,542	223,593	150,199	71,602	2,034,676
31st Dec. 1955 ..	762,441	550,661	295,065	225,754	151,161	74,533	2,059,615

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes separate licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a)
(Reported to the Police.)

State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	Accidents involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.			Persons Injured.		
			Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1955.								
New South Wales ..	35,315	12,557	798	231	1,167	15,959	4,613	2,333
Victoria ..	15,093	10,217	528	212	873	12,833	5,158	2,123
Queensland ..	21,438	6,586	273	206	917	8,421	6,353	2,827
South Australia ..	12,304	3,098	173	214	763	3,926	4,862	1,731
Western Australia ..	10,715	3,149	206	317	1,272	4,036	6,220	2,493
Tasmania ..	2,642	864	57	182	826	1,111	3,549	1,611
Australian Capital Territory ..	251	131	7	224	844	179	5,728	2,159
Total ..	97,758	36,002	2,042	225	995	46,465	5,121	2,264
Year 1953-54(b) ..	87,224	35,523	1,976	222	105	44,629	5,013	2,377
" 1952-53(b) ..	75,295	31,635	1,856	213	101	39,405	4,513	2,147
" 1951-52(b) ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	241	116	38,376	4,502	2,174
" 1950-51(b) ..	57,261	28,760	1,926	232	122	35,095	4,230	2,227

(a) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August, 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a)
(‘000.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1953—June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	58.0	666.3	193.2	295.1	125.0	191.0	174.1
1954—June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	58.7	696.1	205.7	300.1	128.4	198.3	176.6
1955—June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1	182.1
1954—July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	57.9	696.1	205.2	300.8	128.0	198.2	176.1
Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	57.9	697.8	204.0	300.9	128.0	199.4	176.3
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	57.8	698.9	204.5	300.6	128.2	200.6	177.3
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	57.6	700.6	203.8	300.4	128.2	202.5	177.4
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	57.7	703.5	203.4	301.5	131.7	203.7	178.1
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	57.6	702.4	201.0	302.7	134.9	205.0	179.6
1955—July(e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	58.3	712.2	212.1	308.9	128.8	205.5	181.6
Aug.(e)	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	58.2	716.2	210.1	309.2	128.8	206.3	182.1
Sept.	597.7	1,405.6	2,003.3	58.2	717.4	210.4	308.6	128.9	208.2	182.4
Oct.	595.2	1,406.7	2,001.9	57.6	718.7	208.5	306.9	129.5	209.2	182.5
Nov.	595.4	1,417.2	2,012.6	57.7	722.4	208.6	308.6	131.9	210.5	183.6
Dec.	596.5	1,416.6	2,013.1	57.2	718.5	205.5	308.9	135.6	212.3	185.4
FEMALES.										
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1953—June	112.0	561.7	673.7	0.9	202.9	4.3	36.2	109.9	71.5	213.5
1954—June	114.5	593.0	707.5	1.0	219.8	4.7	36.5	115.3	77.0	218.7
1955—June	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1	228.1
1954—July	115.4	593.7	709.1	1.0	220.5	4.7	36.4	114.9	77.6	218.8
Aug.	116.0	594.5	710.5	1.0	220.7	4.7	36.7	114.9	78.1	219.0
Sept.	116.1	598.5	714.6	1.0	222.0	4.7	36.9	115.9	78.7	220.4
Oct.	116.5	602.2	718.7	1.0	223.4	4.6	37.5	117.7	78.6	221.1
Nov.	117.0	610.5	727.5	1.0	224.6	4.7	37.7	123.8	79.2	221.6
Dec.	116.3	615.6	731.9	1.0	224.4	4.7	37.1	128.3	79.1	222.3
1955—July	123.6	615.1	738.7	1.1	224.4	4.9	38.6	121.7	83.3	223.2
Aug.	124.2	616.7	740.9	1.1	225.6	4.9	38.6	121.3	83.8	223.3
Sept.	123.7	620.2	743.9	1.1	226.9	4.9	38.6	122.1	84.2	230.0
Oct.	124.0	623.8	747.8	1.1	228.7	4.9	39.0	123.3	84.4	230.6
Nov.	124.9	631.2	756.1	1.1	228.8	4.9	40.0	128.8	84.6	232.0
Dec.	124.0	634.2	758.2	1.1	227.6	4.9	39.1	132.3	85.1	232.0
PERSONS.										
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1953—June	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	58.9	869.2	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	387.6
1954—June	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	59.7	915.9	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	395.3
1955—June	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2	410.2
1954—July	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	58.9	916.6	209.9	337.2	242.9	275.8	394.9
Aug.	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	58.9	918.5	208.7	337.6	242.9	277.5	395.3
Sept.	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	58.8	920.9	209.2	337.5	244.1	279.3	397.7
Oct.	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	58.6	924.0	208.4	337.9	245.9	281.1	398.5
Nov.	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	58.7	928.1	208.1	339.2	255.5	282.9	399.7
Dec.	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	58.6	926.8	205.7	339.8	263.2	284.1	401.9
1955—July(e)	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	59.4	936.6	217.0	347.5	250.5	288.8	409.8
Aug.(e)	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	59.3	941.8	215.0	347.8	250.1	290.1	411.4
Sept.	721.4	2,025.8	2,747.2	59.3	944.3	215.3	347.2	251.0	292.4	412.4
Oct.	719.2	2,030.5	2,749.7	58.7	947.4	213.4	345.9	252.8	293.6	413.1
Nov.	720.3	2,048.4	2,768.7	58.8	951.2	213.5	348.6	260.7	295.1	415.6
Dec.	720.5	2,050.8	2,771.3	58.3	946.1	210.4	348.0	267.9	297.4	417.4

(a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)
(’000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1951—June ..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June ..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June ..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1954—June ..	758.1	539.7	263.7	176.0	135.0	62.8	4.9	8.2	1,948.4
1955—June ..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1954—July ..	757.8	540.0	264.6	175.3	134.2	62.3	4.9	8.2	1,947.3
Aug. ..	758.8	539.9	264.9	175.8	135.0	61.9	4.8	8.2	1,949.3
Sept. ..	760.5	542.1	265.1	175.4	134.9	62.0	4.9	8.2	1,953.1
Oct. ..	761.9	542.6	264.7	175.5	135.1	62.3	4.9	8.2	1,955.2
Nov. ..	767.4	545.0	264.7	176.0	135.7	62.9	4.8	8.3	1,964.8
Dec. ..	770.0	546.9	263.3	176.5	135.5	63.7	4.8	8.3	1,969.0
1955—July (b)	776.9	554.7	272.9	178.4	135.7	63.7	5.0	8.7	1,996.0
Aug. (b)	780.1	555.7	272.8	177.6	135.9	63.7	5.0	8.8	1,999.0
Sept. ..	779.8	556.7	273.5	179.5	136.6	63.3	5.0	8.9	2,003.3
Oct. ..	779.4	557.0	273.1	179.5	136.3	62.9	4.9	8.8	2,001.9
Nov. ..	784.1	559.9	273.9	180.7	137.0	63.3	4.9	8.8	2,012.6
Dec. ..	786.1	561.1	269.0	181.9	137.5	63.7	4.9	8.9	2,013.1
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1951—June ..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June ..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June ..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1954—June ..	279.5	217.7	86.1	56.9	42.8	21.0	0.9	2.6	707.5
1955—June ..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1954—July ..	279.9	218.2	86.8	57.1	43.0	20.6	0.9	2.6	709.1
Aug. ..	281.4	218.2	86.9	57.4	42.9	20.2	0.9	2.6	710.5
Sept. ..	283.7	219.1	86.9	57.8	43.2	20.3	0.9	2.7	714.6
Oct. ..	286.1	220.4	86.7	58.2	43.5	20.2	0.9	2.7	718.7
Nov. ..	291.0	222.3	87.6	58.6	43.9	20.5	0.9	2.7	727.5
Dec. ..	293.0	223.0	88.3	58.8	44.2	21.0	0.9	2.7	731.9
1955—July ..	293.0	226.1	90.0	60.6	43.9	21.2	1.0	2.9	738.7
Aug. ..	294.5	226.7	90.0	60.8	43.7	21.3	1.0	2.9	740.9
Sept. ..	295.9	227.0	90.4	61.4	43.9	21.4	1.0	2.9	743.9
Oct. ..	297.7	228.3	90.6	61.9	43.9	21.5	1.0	2.9	747.8
Nov. ..	301.5	230.7	91.1	62.6	44.4	21.8	1.1	2.9	756.1
Dec. ..	303.4	229.9	91.0	63.2	44.5	22.2	1.1	2.9	758.2
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1951—June ..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June ..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June ..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1954—June ..	1,037.6	757.4	349.8	232.9	177.8	83.8	5.8	10.8	2,655.9
1955—June ..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1954—July ..	1,037.7	758.2	351.4	232.4	177.2	82.9	5.8	10.8	2,656.4
Aug. ..	1,040.2	758.1	351.8	233.2	177.9	82.1	5.7	10.8	2,659.8
Sept. ..	1,044.2	761.2	352.0	233.2	178.1	82.3	5.8	10.9	2,667.7
Oct. ..	1,048.0	763.0	351.4	233.7	178.6	82.5	5.8	10.9	2,673.9
Nov. ..	1,058.4	767.3	352.3	234.6	179.6	83.4	5.7	11.0	2,692.3
Dec. ..	1,063.0	769.9	351.6	235.3	179.7	84.7	5.7	11.0	2,700.9
1955—July (b)	1,069.9	780.8	362.9	239.0	179.6	84.9	6.0	11.6	2,734.7
Aug. (b)	1,074.6	782.4	362.8	238.4	179.6	85.0	6.0	11.7	2,740.5
Sept. ..	1,075.7	783.7	363.9	240.9	180.5	84.7	6.0	11.8	2,747.2
Oct. ..	1,077.1	785.3	363.7	241.4	180.2	84.4	5.9	11.7	2,749.7
Nov. ..	1,085.6	790.6	365.0	243.3	181.4	85.1	6.0	11.7	2,768.7
Dec. ..	1,089.5	791.0	360.0	245.1	182.0	85.9	6.0	11.8	2,771.3

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.
 (b) Affected by industrial disputes. See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Unadjusted.	Adjusted (a)
1938-39(b) ..	'000. 219.5	'000. 193.9	'000. 51.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 22.1	'000. 13.2	'000. 391.8	'000. 150.4	'000. 542.2	1,081	1,022
1950-51(b)(c) ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
1951-52(b)(c) ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.9	22.0	672.4	223.0	895.4	1,703	1,369
1952-53(b)(c) ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
1953-54(b)(c) ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312
1954-55(b)(c) ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334
1954-55											
October ..	382.1	306.6	88.0	84.2	40.9	22.2	700.6	223.4	924.0	1,757	1,334
November ..	384.6	308.1	87.6	84.4	41.1	22.3	703.5	224.6	928.1	1,765	1,337
December ..	383.8	308.3	85.7	84.7	41.2	23.1	702.4	224.4	926.8	1,763	1,333
January ..	383.8	309.8	83.0	85.8	41.4	23.5	703.9	223.4	927.3	1,764	1,330
February ..	386.8	311.2	85.2	85.8	41.7	23.2	707.1	226.8	933.9	1,776	1,336
March ..	387.7	312.5	85.7	86.4	41.9	23.5	709.7	228.0	937.7	1,784	1,339
April ..	386.9	311.2	86.4	86.5	41.9	23.8	711.4	225.3	936.7	1,782	1,336
May ..	388.0	310.7	88.0	85.8	42.0	23.8	713.5	224.8	938.3	1,785	1,335
June ..	388.2	311.6	88.9	85.7	41.8	23.6	714.5	225.3	939.8	1,787	1,335
1955-56—											
July(d) ..	386.3	310.2	89.8	85.7	41.5	23.1	712.2	224.4	936.6	1,781	1,327
August ..	389.7	312.1	89.7	85.5	41.7	23.1	716.2	225.6	941.8	1,791	1,333
September ..	390.2	312.9	90.0	86.0	42.0	23.2	717.4	226.9	944.3	1,796	1,333
October ..	391.7	314.5	90.0	86.0	41.9	23.3	718.7	228.7	947.4	1,802	1,335
November ..	393.3	315.6	90.2	86.4	42.2	23.5	722.4	228.8	951.2	1,809	1,338
December ..	392.3	314.8	85.0	87.3	42.3	24.4	718.5	227.6	946.1	1,800	1,328

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.
monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) From July, 1948,

(d) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1950-51(c) ..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52(c) ..	95.9	63.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53(c) ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54(c) ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55(c) ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1954-55—									
October ..	94.8	68.7	31.1	23.7	19.4	7.5	128.2	117.7	245.9
November ..	100.0	71.0	31.8	24.4	19.3	7.8	131.7	123.8	255.5
December ..	104.4	72.7	32.5	24.5	20.3	8.1	134.9	128.3	263.2
January ..	96.4	70.2	31.2	24.5	19.6	7.9	130.1	120.3	250.4
February ..	95.8	70.0	30.8	24.5	19.4	7.8	129.6	119.5	249.1
March ..	96.1	69.8	30.8	24.5	19.6	7.8	129.6	119.6	249.2
April ..	95.9	70.0	31.0	24.5	19.7	7.8	129.2	120.3	249.5
May ..	96.5	70.3	31.3	24.6	19.7	7.8	129.4	121.0	251.0
June ..	95.7	71.0	31.3	24.6	19.8	7.8	129.2	121.6	250.8
1955-56—									
July ..	96.1	70.0	31.5	24.7	19.7	7.9	128.8	121.7	250.5
August ..	95.9	70.2	31.3	24.6	19.6	7.8	128.8	121.3	250.1
September ..	96.1	70.6	31.3	24.9	19.6	7.8	128.9	122.1	251.0
October ..	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	129.5	123.3	252.8
November ..	100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	131.9	123.8	260.7
December ..	106.0	73.0	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	135.6	132.3	267.9

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.^(a)

(For particulars of benefits paid, see page 70.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1948-49 ..	270	32	1,100	14	126	31	..	..	1,573
1949-50 ..	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30	..	..	13,057
1950-51 ..	293	90	320	6	60	15	..	..	784
1951-52 ..	795	162	1,348	17	57	12	..	..	2,391
1952-53 ..	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256	..	..	29,510
1953-54 ..	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223	..	..	13,812
1954-55 ..	1,523	576	1,450	66	157	86	..	4	3,871
Quarter ended— December, 1953	6,713	2,919	2,630	259	423	267	..	..	13,211
March, 1954	4,803	1,745	4,697	130	322	110	..	..	11,807
June, "	3,108	1,196	2,473	79	231	94	..	..	7,181
September, "	2,363	1,025	1,137	88	172	138	..	3	4,926
December, "	1,333	563	908	63	117	111	..	4	3,099
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,259	60	162	53	..	4	4,237
June, "	1,095	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3,221
September, "	943	347	621	50	255	72	..	2	2,290
December, "	719	301	572	45	240	70	..	1	1,948

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

1948-49 ..	3,018	1,928	978	709	600	395	..	..	7,628
1949-50 ..	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390	..	..	7,552
1950-51 ..	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317	..	..	7,125
1951-52 ..	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218	..	..	6,486
1952-53 ..	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227	..	..	7,054
1953-54 ..	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239	..	..	7,967
1954-55 ..	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12	7,967
Quarter ended— December, 1953	3,413	2,031	1,263	734	493	246	..	..	8,180
March, 1954	3,160	1,834	1,212	646	464	215	..	..	7,531
June, "	3,262	1,916	1,239	658	454	223	..	..	7,752
September, "	3,564	2,095	1,258	696	485	252	4	12	8,366
December, "	3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641
June, "	3,238	1,936	1,258	607	445	208	5	13	7,710
September, "	3,321	1,972	1,245	673	455	230	3	12	7,911
December, "	3,083	1,671	1,205	641	415	248	3	10	7,276

(a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were:—1948-49, 574; 1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,859; and 1954-55, 1,966.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

(c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)—STATES.

Period.	Dis- putes.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.								
Year—1955(b) ..	1,072	260,353	13,678	274,031	672,714	611	673,325	2,230,985
1954—Dec. Qtr.	192	39,916	1,467	41,383	150,815	4,247	155,062	516,722
1955—Mar. „ (b)	257	63,169	5,703	68,872	125,170	611	125,781	421,643
June „	265	59,579	3,840	63,419	120,592	12,033	132,625	436,186
Sept. „	308	78,126	3,967	82,093	262,719	46,440	309,159	994,182
Dec. „	242	59,479	168	59,647	92,108	13,652	105,760	378,919
VICTORIA.								
Year—1955(b) ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	136,771	1,736	138,507	435,356
1954—Dec. Qtr.	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	63,355	1,545	64,900	230,433
1955—Mar. „ (b)	25	8,539	824	9,363	19,603	1,736	21,339	62,921
June „	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,277	198	20,475	64,738
Sept. „	9	3,888	265	4,153	58,682	19,656	78,338	239,735
Dec. „	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	..	18,355	67,962
QUEENSLAND.								
Year—1955 ..	274	83,026	3,626	86,652	99,318	..	99,318	328,046
1954—Dec. Qtr.	69	21,888	1,192	23,080	62,657	..	62,657	222,718
1955—Mar. „	67	16,139	1,691	17,830	23,892	..	23,892	78,897
June „	60	9,225	147	9,372	12,160	6,108	18,268	63,305
Sept. „	82	19,279	876	20,155	24,063	1,636	25,699	85,853
Dec. „	65	38,383	912	39,295	29,667	1,852	31,519	99,991
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1955 ..	43	23,969	129	24,098	66,881	..	66,881	203,182
1954—Dec. Qtr.	7	2,657	20	2,677	24,620	..	24,620	85,853
1955—Mar. „	14	7,398	83	7,481	9,917	..	9,917	32,070
June „	14	6,479	..	6,479	4,018	2,264	6,282	18,805
Sept. „	9	4,056	46	4,102	34,693	7,250	41,943	121,692
Dec. „	6	6,036	..	6,036	8,739	..	8,739	30,615
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.								
Year—1955 ..	16	9,504	345	9,849	9,582	..	9,582	32,704
1954—Dec. Qtr.	7	2,308	18	2,326	17,780	..	17,780	61,950
1955—Mar. „	2	1,543	..	1,543	1,235	..	1,235	4,292
June „	3	2,800	..	2,800	2,173	..	2,173	7,605
Sept. „	4	1,477	177	1,654	1,563	..	1,563	5,135
Dec. „	7	3,684	168	3,852	4,611	..	4,611	15,671
TASMANIA.								
Year—1955 ..	48	13,204	240	13,444	20,387	..	20,387	70,927
1954—Dec. Qtr.	9	2,403	..	2,403	12,593	..	12,593	44,110
1955—Mar. „	13	2,851	17	2,868	2,229	..	2,229	7,602
June „	11	3,284	223	3,507	6,838	..	6,838	23,653
Sept. „	13	3,956	..	3,956	6,119	2,148	8,267	29,004
Dec. „	11	3,113	..	3,113	3,053	..	3,053	10,603
AUSTRALIA.(c)								
Year—1955(b) ..	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,008,537	2,347	1,010,884	3,310,321
1954—Dec. Qtr.	301	78,807	3,876	82,683	333,095	5,792	338,887	1,166,249
1955—Mar. „ (b)	383	100,099	8,320	108,419	184,018	2,347	186,365	613,620
June „	378	94,149	5,224	99,373	166,129	20,827	186,956	615,229
Sept. „	426	110,798	5,331	116,129	387,983	77,130	465,113	1,476,221
Dec. „	345	119,294	1,432	120,726	156,946	15,504	172,450	605,251

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1954. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK) : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Manu- facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	Mining. (Group VIII.)		Transport, Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	Miscel- laneous. (Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
			(I) Coal- mining.	(II) Other Mining.			
NUMBER.							
1951	142	25	912	4	242	19	1,344
1952	164	27	1,219	7	202	8	1,627
1953	143	41	944	6	311	14	1,459
1954	192	47	942	4	290	15	1,490
1955	277	72	777	8	377	21	1,532
1954—							
Dec. Qtr. ..	44	7	187	1	57	5	301
1955—							
March	79	20	171	6	103	4	383
June	67	11	200	1	97	2	378
Sept.	64	25	240	..	92	5	426
Dec.	67	16	166	1	85	10	345

WORKERS INVOLVED.

1951	71,606	3,667	172,732	2,843	156,608	1,136	408,592
1952	157,870	1,862	193,066	4,769	145,033	3,134	505,734
1953	155,249	8,417	147,791	3,020	179,786	1,783	496,046
1954	57,010	6,925	155,630	494	145,521	4,494	370,074
1955	87,295	22,297	135,543	1,105	191,595	6,812	444,047
1954—							
Dec. Qtr. ..	12,519	1,707	31,847	120	35,178	1,312	82,683
1955—							
March	28,578	8,353	20,998	554	49,148	788	108,419
June	15,904	7,780	31,430	537	42,262	1,460	99,373
Sept.	27,179	2,950	49,014	..	35,014	1,972	116,129
Dec.	15,634	3,214	34,101	14	65,171	2,592	120,726

WORKING DAYS LOST.

1951	307,173	23,750	336,447	36,255	165,437	3,912	872,974
1952	572,169	20,079	286,749	19,743	261,109	3,655	1,163,504
1953	351,722	67,506	378,715	18,956	222,564	11,367	1,050,880
1954	244,770	31,751	255,726	7,720	352,311	9,361	901,639
1955	493,075	69,443	225,336	9,106	188,532	25,392	1,010,884
1954—							
Dec. Qtr. ..	35,263	6,526	65,124	120	229,371	2,483	338,887
1955—							
March	69,906	26,722	33,531	2,097	49,776	4,333	186,365
June	62,147	16,139	56,151	4,833	43,306	4,380	186,956
Sept.	327,237	16,435	77,236	2,148	36,901	5,156	465,118
Dec.	33,785	10,147	58,418	28	58,549	11,523	172,450

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES.
(£.)

1951	752,319	59,961	863,928	189,200	382,435	8,185	2,256,028
1952	1,593,902	56,034	932,480	94,743	752,124	10,567	3,439,850
1953	1,023,366	242,500	1,247,895	80,486	703,537	39,653	3,337,437
1954	767,051	115,972	862,384	41,265	1,207,932	26,607	3,021,211
1955	1,533,880	234,596	789,322	31,661	641,604	79,258	3,310,321
1954—							
Dec. Qtr. ..	113,214	25,792	217,534	500	802,331	6,878	1,166,249
1955—							
March	215,143	97,050	114,762	7,241	168,474	10,950	613,620
June	192,999	44,739	204,499	16,812	144,680	11,500	615,229
Sept.	1,007,903	52,160	264,701	7,468	128,973	15,016	1,476,221
Dec.	117,835	40,647	205,360	140	199,477	41,792	605,251

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.

1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1950	222	152	128	138	156	98	14	28	(a) 360
1951	225	156	128	137	152	101	17	29	(a) 359
1952	223	159	129	139	151	98	15	31	(a) 360
1953	224	159	129	138	152	98	18	28	(a) 365
1954	228	158	129	138	154	98	18	29	(a) 371

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1950	642,145	406,317	262,586	137,504	103,582	45,044	2,438	5,728	1,605,344
1951	678,338	433,407	277,037	140,067	105,507	47,413	2,764	5,738	1,690,271
1952	649,163	416,349	274,908	137,495	105,462	46,948	2,340	4,877	1,637,542
1953	665,737	424,428	285,718	140,154	107,642	48,293	2,535	5,251	1,679,758
1954	732,737	433,891	305,304	147,556	109,589	50,290	2,168	5,970	1,787,504

(a) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
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AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.
(£'000.)

1950-51	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1954-55—								
December	Qtr.	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March	"	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June	"	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
1955-56—								
September	Qtr.	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December	"	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c)
(£.)

1950-51	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1954-55—								
December	Qtr.	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March	"	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June	"	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
1955-56—								
September	Qtr.	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December	"	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

**WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES
PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1955.(a)**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c...	Weekly Wage	308/11	289/11	276/3	285/2	303/11	295/8	295/11
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/8½	7/3	6/11	7/1½	7/7½	7/4½	7/4½
II. Engineering Works, &c. Metal	Weekly Wage	293/10	283/9	284/4	279/3	304/8	297/1	288/8
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/4½	7/1½	7/1½	6/11½	7/7½	7/5½	7/2½
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	294/4	297/1	271/4	288/7	294/6	298/10	290/4
	Working Hours	40 00	39 93	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/4½	7/5½	6/9½	7/2½	7/4½	7/5½	7/3½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	281/8	282/6	288/2	288/2	291/10	279/11	283/4
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/0½	7/0½	7/2½	7/2½	7/3½	7/0	7/1
V. Books, Printing, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	336/3	332/9	317/7	318/9	350/9	335/10	332/2
	Working Hours	40 00	39 93	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	39 98
	Hourly Wage	8/4½	8/5	7/11½	7/11½	9/3½	8/4½	8/4½
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	295/11	286/0	267/6	285/8	291/7	294/7	288/9
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/4½	7/1½	6/8½	7/1½	7/3½	7/4½	7/2½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	337/9	319/11	303/8	303/11	319/5	308/1	323/2
	Working Hours	39 94	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	39 98
	Hourly Wage	8/5½	8/0	7/7	7/7½	7/11½	7/8½	8/1
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	302/6	297/8	285/9	272/1	320/9	291/8	300/4
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	38 15	40 00	39 69
	Hourly Wage	7/6½	7/5½	7/1½	6/9½	8/5	7/3½	7/6½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	313/6	304/9	282/10	283/3	295/8	299/10	301/11
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/10	7/7½	7/0½	7/1	7/4½	7/6	7/6½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	293/5	274/10	259/1	269/10	293/9	283/6	281/3
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/4	6/10½	6/5½	6/9	7/4	7/1	7/0½
XI. Shipping, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	310/3	311/9	307/8	309/4	309/8	310/9	310/0
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage	347/3	314/6	312/11	303/7	320/9	334/9	326/8
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	282/5	276/11	250/7	256/8	273/3	265/7	273/6
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/0½	6/11	6/3½	6/5	6/10	6/7½	6/10
XIV. Miscellaneous ..	Weekly Wage	292/2	285/10	262/9	263/3	285/8	275/9	282/10
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	7/3½	7/1½	6/6½	6/7	7/1½	6/10½	7/0½
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	310/1	296/7	284/11	284/9	304/9	302/7	300/0
All Groups except XI. and XII.(b)	Weekly Wage	300/8	292/4	275/0	277/5	301/2	288/10	292/6
	Working Hours	39 99	39 98	40 00	40 00	39 51	40 00	39 95
	Hourly Wage	7/6½	7/3½	6/10½	6/11½	7/7½	7/2½	7/3½

(a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

(b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied.

(e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Includes the value of keep, where supplied.

WAGES—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1955.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	201/5	200/11	176/1	199/11	175/8	199/7	198/7
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/0½	5/0¼	4/4½	5/0	4/4½	5/0	4/11½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	196/2	196/9	200/3	200/3	201/4	199/5	197/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/10½	4/11	5/0	5/0	5/0½	4/11½	4/11½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	212/1	202/3	191/3	207/11	..	201/6	205/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/3½	5/0½	4/9½	5/2½	..	5/0½	5/1½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c... ..	Weekly Wage	197/9	205/8	176/1	196/10	186/6	193/4	195/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/11½	5/1½	4/4½	4/11	4/8	4/10	4/10½
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	226/6	239/11	200/2	199/9	..	..	225/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/8	6/0	5/0	5/0	..	..	5/7½
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	205/3	206/9	192/10	199/11	193/7	197/11	203/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	5/1½	5/2	4/9½	5/0	4/10	4/11½	5/1

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

WAGES—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	62 8	55 7
" " 1939 ..	96 7	93 6	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1951 ..	255 0	245 5	240 10	241 8	251 4	247 3	248 7
" " 1952 ..	284 8	274 5	267 9	274 6	284 7	276 2	278 2
" " 1953 ..	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7
" " 1954 ..	298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	290 0
" " 1955 ..	310 1	306 7	284 11	284 9	304 9	302 7	300 0

ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE: 51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1951 ..	4,975	4,789	4,699	4,715	4,904	4,825	4,850
" " 1952 ..	5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,388	5,428
" " 1953 ..	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611
" " 1954 ..	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
" " 1955 ..	6,051	5,787	5,559	5,555	5,946	5,905	5,853

ADULT FEMALES: RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1939 ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1951 ..	171 1	172 10	161 7	171 4	163 2	168 7	170 4
" " 1952 ..	193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193 5
" " 1953 ..	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
" " 1954 ..	198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
" " 1955 ..	205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203 4

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (b) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1951 ..	6,296	6,362	5,948	6,305	6,007	6,204	6,268
" " 1952 ..	7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
" " 1953 ..	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285
" " 1954 ..	7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7,236	7,285
" " 1955 ..	7,554	7,608	7,098	7,358	7,125	7,284	7,483

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

Date Operative.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
September, 1939 ..	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
November, 1945 ..	99 0	98 0	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	96 0
December, 1946 ..	108 0	106 0	101 0	102 0	102 0	103 0	105 0
November, 1947 ..	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
" 1948 ..	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
" 1949 ..	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
" 1950 ..	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December, 1950 ..	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
November, 1951 ..	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
May, 1952 ..	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August, 1952 ..	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November, 1952 ..	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
February, 1953 ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May, 1953 ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August, 1953(b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	August, 1955.			November, 1955.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
New South Wales(b)—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0	Nov., 1955	253 0	189 6
Broken Hill	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0	Nov., 1955	254 0	190 6
Victoria(c)	Aug., 1955	240 0	180 0	Nov., 1955	246 0	184 6
Queensland(d)—						
Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	1.8.55	227 0	152 6	24.10.55	229 0	154 0
Southern Division (Western District)	1.8.55	234 4	156 2	24.10.55	236 4	157 8
Mackay Division	1.8.55	232 6	155 3	24.10.55	234 6	156 9
Northern Division (Eastern District)	1.8.55	237 0	157 6	24.10.55	239 0	159 0
Northern Division (Western District)	1.8.55	244 4	161 2	24.10.55	246 4	162 8
South Australia(e)	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0
Western Australia(f)—						
Metropolitan Area	9.8.55	252 5	164 1	2.11.55	252 5	164 1
South-West Land Division	9.8.55	251 8	163 7	2.11.55	251 8	163 7
Goldfield and other areas	9.8.55	254 1	165 2	2.11.55	254 1	165 2
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown.

(b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 12th September, 1953 (following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration) until the first pay period in November, 1955 when it was reintroduced by an amendment to the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage and Standard Hours) Act assented to on 4th November, 1955.

(c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the "C" Series Retail Price Index Numbers. (e) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. The "living wage" is subject to quarterly variation according to the amount of the general automatic quarterly adjustment in the Commonwealth basic wage (now discontinued) for Adelaide.

(f) The Western Australian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after considering movements in the cost of living statements prepared by the Government Statistician.

(g) None declared but rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see 1953 Labour Report, pages 8-11.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index : Year 1952-53=100.)

NOTE.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

City.	Year ended June, 1951.	Year ended June, 1952.	Year ended June, 1953.	Year ended June, 1954.	Year ended June, 1955.	1954.	1955.			
						Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
GROUP I.—FOOD.										
Sydney ..	66.1	89.9	100.0	102.4	103.6	102.8	104.6	105.1	106.5	107.2
Melbourne ..	69.2	89.1	100.0	104.6	104.3	103.4	104.8	106.2	110.1	111.5
Brisbane ..	69.2	90.1	100.0	104.1	104.2	103.3	105.2	106.0	108.8	105.6
Adelaide ..	69.2	90.5	100.0	103.5	106.2	104.9	106.5	108.2	109.2	109.7
Perth ..	69.3	87.0	100.0	106.3	109.5	108.0	109.0	111.2	109.6	109.8
Hobart ..	66.4	86.8	100.0	107.7	106.8	105.0	107.3	108.7	110.5	113.4
Six Capitals(a)	67.9	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	103.7	105.3	106.4	108.2	109.0
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.										
Sydney ..	78.6	93.6	100.0	101.7	102.3	102.6	102.2	102.8	103.0	103.1
Melbourne ..	77.6	93.4	100.0	101.3	102.2	101.9	102.2	103.6	103.8	103.9
Brisbane ..	78.7	94.6	100.0	101.7	102.9	102.8	102.8	103.8	103.5	103.2
Adelaide ..	77.0	93.9	100.0	102.2	102.9	102.7	103.1	103.9	102.8	103.3
Perth ..	78.8	95.5	100.0	100.9	101.6	101.5	101.7	102.7	102.7	103.1
Hobart ..	78.9	94.7	100.0	102.6	103.1	103.0	103.3	103.7	103.9	104.4
Six Capitals(a)	78.1	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	102.3	102.4	103.3	103.3	103.4
GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.)										
Sydney ..	86.6	87.7	100.0	107.7	109.5	109.5	109.6	109.7	110.6	111.1
Melbourne ..	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.8	102.3	101.8	102.3	102.3	102.7	102.9
Brisbane ..	93.7	97.7	100.0	102.9	105.2	105.1	105.5	105.7	106.4	106.4
Adelaide ..	82.8	86.0	100.0	102.7	105.6	104.5	105.0	109.3	112.1	113.6
Perth ..	82.1	94.4	100.0	110.8	149.6	148.3	149.5	153.1	154.9	157.0
Hobart ..	85.1	91.4	100.0	108.8	109.4	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	110.3
Six Capitals(a)	90.3	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	109.3	109.7	110.5	111.4	112.0
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)										
Sydney ..	78.3	93.6	100.0	100.5	100.9	101.0	100.6	100.9	101.5	103.2
Melbourne ..	73.5	88.7	100.0	100.9	101.3	100.9	101.3	101.8	102.9	110.1
Brisbane ..	78.5	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.5	104.3	104.8	104.9	106.0	109.6
Adelaide ..	76.9	90.2	100.0	99.3	99.9	99.3	99.4	101.7	102.7	102.7
Perth ..	74.6	89.6	100.0	100.8	101.9	101.4	101.6	103.3	104.5	105.1
Hobart ..	72.7	89.0	100.0	108.2	105.1	105.0	105.0	105.5	108.9	109.0
Six Capitals(a)	76.3	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	101.2	101.2	101.9	102.8	106.2
ALL GROUPS.										
Sydney ..	74.6	91.7	100.0	102.2	103.1	102.9	103.4	103.8	104.6	105.4
Melbourne ..	75.2	91.0	100.0	102.4	102.7	102.2	102.9	104.0	105.8	108.3
Brisbane ..	76.4	92.7	100.0	103.0	104.0	103.6	104.5	105.1	105.6	106.0
Adelaide ..	74.7	90.9	100.0	102.0	103.6	102.8	103.5	105.4	106.0	106.4
Perth ..	74.5	90.7	100.0	103.9	109.6	108.7	109.3	111.2	111.1	111.6
Hobart ..	73.1	89.9	100.0	106.6	105.6	104.9	105.8	106.6	108.2	109.6
Six Capitals(a)	74.9	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	103.2	103.8	104.7	105.7	107.0

(a) Weighted Average. (b) See note (b) on page 106. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of rents, food and groceries, &c., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1954.		1955.		
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
GROUP I. FOOD AND GROCERIES.											
Sydney	904	2,099	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,871	2,741	2,804	2,835	2,907	2,936
Melbourne	884	2,088	2,509	2,684	2,687	2,854	2,671	2,725	2,769	2,926	2,994
Brisbane	838	1,823	2,323	2,413	2,451	2,526	2,456	2,502	2,518	2,553	2,530
Adelaide	861	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,657	2,560	2,595	2,642	2,677	2,712
Perth	899	1,963	2,359	2,608	2,802	2,868	2,798	2,819	2,905	2,870	2,878
Hobart	880	1,992	2,487	2,803	2,797	2,925	2,770	2,829	2,874	2,944	3,052
Six Capitals (a) ..	886	2,041	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,811	2,677	2,730	2,770	2,854	2,891
GROUP II.—RENT (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.											
Sydney	1,004	1,053	1,118	1,276	1,324	1,338	1,330	1,331	1,332	1,342	1,348
Melbourne	935	980	984	988	998	1,008	1,002	1,006	1,006	1,010	1,011
Brisbane	841	934	958	981	1,010	1,027	1,019	1,022	1,024	1,031	1,031
Adelaide	868	949	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,247	1,184	1,190	1,239	1,271	1,288
Perth	872	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,843	1,779	1,795	1,837	1,858	1,880
Hobart	913	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,275	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,282
Six Capitals (a) ..	942	1,009	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,226	1,209	1,213	1,222	1,232	1,238
GROUP III.—CLOTHING.											
Sydney	833	2,806	3,116	3,273	3,263	3,268	3,266	3,250	3,267	3,276	3,279
Melbourne	820	2,697	3,085	3,201	3,196	3,230	3,194	3,199	3,230	3,243	3,249
Brisbane	823	2,690	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,141	3,135	3,133	3,150	3,143	3,136
Adelaide	857	2,736	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,237	3,227	3,234	3,254	3,223	3,238
Perth	823	2,759	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,221	3,204	3,211	3,230	3,214	3,229
Hobart	848	2,752	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,261	3,235	3,243	3,262	3,262	3,278
Six Capitals (a) ..	829	2,749	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,237	3,222	3,218	3,240	3,243	3,248
GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.											
Sydney	936	1,711	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,037	2,048	2,014	2,031	2,040	2,064
Melbourne	982	1,668	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,129	2,082	2,079	2,105	2,118	2,214
Brisbane	947	1,603	1,841	1,928	1,987	2,022	1,995	1,995	2,000	2,015	2,078
Adelaide	1,023	1,710	2,025	2,098	2,103	2,145	2,102	2,103	2,156	2,161	2,160
Perth	949	1,624	1,945	2,039	2,049	2,095	2,048	2,047	2,096	2,114	2,123
Hobart	933	1,600	1,920	2,137	2,125	2,123	2,101	2,104	2,117	2,136	2,136
Six Capitals (a) ..	961	1,679	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,081	2,060	2,046	2,070	2,081	2,128
TOTAL ALL GROUPS.											
Sydney	913	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,391	2,405	2,423	2,455	2,471
Melbourne	896	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,281	2,302	2,329	2,392	2,436
Brisbane	852	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,178	2,195	2,206	2,221	2,223
Adelaide	888	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,294	2,310	2,352	2,366	2,386
Perth	882	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,502	2,514	2,569	2,561	2,573
Hobart	887	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,391	2,415	2,438	2,467	2,511
Six Capitals (a) ..	897	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,333	2,349	2,375	2,411	2,435

(a) Weighted average

(b) See note (b) on page 106.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1954.				1955.				Per-centage increase from August 1939, to Dec., 1955.
	August.	Month.			Dec. Qtr.	Month.			Dec. Qtr.	
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	2,695	2,768	2,761	2,741	2,929	2,933	2,946	2,936	218.1
Newcastle	960	2,771	2,888	2,839	2,833	3,006	3,003	3,013	3,007	213.9
Broken Hill	1,069	2,947	2,971	3,010	2,976	3,102	3,149	3,134	3,128	193.2
Goulburn	991	2,810	2,881	2,889	2,860	3,043	3,042	3,077	3,054	210.5
Bathurst	939	2,829	2,902	2,914	2,882	3,056	3,078	3,113	3,082	231.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	2,708	2,783	2,774	2,755	2,940	2,944	2,958	2,947	217.4
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	2,636	2,672	2,704	2,671	2,962	3,011	3,010	2,994	223.3
Ballarat	939	2,681	2,712	2,719	2,704	2,978	3,016	3,049	3,014	224.7
Bendigo	915	2,633	2,664	2,711	2,669	2,914	2,961	2,996	2,957	227.4
Geelong	942	2,669	2,695	2,690	2,685	2,937	2,976	2,967	2,960	215.0
Warrnambool .. .	952	2,774	2,799	2,817	2,797	3,008	3,099	3,070	3,059	222.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	932	2,640	2,675	2,705	2,673	2,960	3,010	3,010	2,993	223.0
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	2,493	2,435	2,440	2,456	2,529	2,510	2,550	2,530	198.2
Toowoomba	812	2,437	2,500	2,502	2,480	2,600	2,590	2,611	2,600	221.6
Rockhampton .. .	893	2,465	2,518	2,511	2,498	2,594	2,575	2,594	2,588	190.5
Townsville	948	2,569	2,604	2,647	2,607	2,702	2,690	2,721	2,704	187.0
Bundaberg	906	2,485	2,552	2,554	2,530	2,620	2,581	2,598	2,600	286.8
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	862	2,492	2,460	2,467	2,473	2,553	2,534	2,570	2,552	198.1
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	2,534	2,567	2,578	2,560	2,714	2,740	2,683	2,712	204.2
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	980	2,582	2,614	2,651	2,616	2,751	2,787	2,714	2,751	176.9
Port Pirie	1,001	2,631	2,667	2,694	2,664	2,788	2,834	2,745	2,789	174.2
Mount Gambier ..	930	2,594	2,590	2,600	2,595	2,749	2,746	2,713	2,736	191.7
Peterborough .. .	983	2,583	2,582	2,620	2,595	2,763	2,790	2,733	2,762	178.0
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	891	2,540	2,573	2,585	2,566	2,719	2,745	2,687	2,717	201.6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	947	2,799	2,791	2,803	2,798	2,888	2,866	2,880	2,878	204.1
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	1,102	2,935	2,960	2,965	2,953	3,085	3,083	3,077	3,082	179.2
Northam	981	2,847	2,865	2,863	2,853	2,924	2,907	2,916	2,916	197.2
Bunbury	975	2,869	2,845	2,844	2,853	2,985	2,975	2,975	2,978	205.1
Geraldton	958	2,885	2,891	2,885	2,887	2,994	2,979	2,980	2,984	211.1
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	960	2,813	2,808	2,819	2,813	2,907	2,887	2,899	2,898	202.0
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	2,731	2,751	2,828	2,770	3,016	3,046	3,094	3,052	238.5
Launceston	905	2,688	2,691	2,725	2,701	2,929	2,945	2,985	2,953	229.8
Burnie	942	2,693	2,704	2,743	2,713	2,931	2,970	3,001	2,967	218.6
Devonport	930	2,677	2,699	2,738	2,705	2,944	3,034	3,012	2,997	223.9
Queenstown	1,018	2,873	2,889	2,927	2,896	3,162	3,236	3,249	3,216	219.2
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	917	2,719	2,733	2,792	2,748	2,988	3,018	3,059	3,022	233.6
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	922	2,654	2,694	2,704	2,684	2,882	2,899	2,904	2,895	215.0
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	918	2,648	2,686	2,697	2,677	2,878	2,895	2,900	2,891	215.9
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b) ..	948	2,820	2,917	2,932	2,890	3,093	3,123	3,135	3,117	230.7
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	851	2,503	2,553	2,552	2,536	2,637	2,610	2,610	2,619	206.7
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) ..	994	2,619	2,618	2,671	2,636	2,776	2,787	2,736	2,766	175.3
Whyalla (S.A.) (b) ..	(c)	2,702	2,680	2,737	2,706	2,845	2,860	2,821	2,842	(c)
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) ..	1,046	2,894	2,983	2,974	2,950	3,132	3,155	3,189	3,159	204.9

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent, (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1955.				
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	913	1,933	2,265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,391	2,405	2,423	2,455	2,471
Newcastle ..	877	1,901	2,209	2,295	2,324	2,395	2,340	2,358	2,388	2,409	2,425
Broken Hill ..	940	1,997	2,344	2,411	2,421	2,453	2,415	2,421	2,439	2,464	2,487
Goulburn ..	893	1,921	2,232	2,302	2,327	2,422	2,343	2,373	2,398	2,445	2,472
Bathurst ..	860	1,882	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,441	2,385	2,412	2,424	2,455	2,474
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	911	1,931	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,435	2,387	2,401	2,420	2,451	2,468
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	896	1,880	2,170	2,285	2,288	2,365	2,281	2,302	2,329	2,392	2,436
Ballarat ..	850	1,857	2,147	2,265	2,272	2,340	2,258	2,276	2,310	2,365	2,408
Bendigo ..	854	1,826	2,139	2,261	2,266	2,339	2,261	2,280	2,310	2,359	2,406
Geelong ..	884	1,871	2,154	2,263	2,268	2,341	2,265	2,275	2,319	2,393	2,407
Warrnambool ..	892	1,886	2,205	2,323	2,345	2,407	2,340	2,356	2,381	2,419	2,472
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	893	1,877	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,363	2,279	2,300	2,328	2,389	2,433
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	852	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,173	2,195	2,206	2,221	2,223
Toowoomba ..	843	1,773	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,247	2,191	2,227	2,247	2,251	2,262
Rockhampton ..	853	1,785	2,091	2,166	2,206	2,253	2,193	2,238	2,251	2,259	2,263
Townsville ..	902	1,818	2,148	2,243	2,284	2,333	2,275	2,326	2,330	2,325	2,351
Bundaberg ..	831	1,754	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,202	2,161	2,188	2,200	2,202	2,216
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	854	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,225	2,186	2,209	2,220	2,233	2,237
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	888	1,833	2,159	2,246	2,277	2,354	2,294	2,310	2,352	2,366	2,386
Kadina, &c. ..	786	1,742	2,077	2,162	2,201	2,255	2,212	2,229	2,257	2,261	2,274
Port Pirie ..	868	1,811	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,309	2,267	2,281	2,306	2,312	2,336
Mount Gambler ..	849	1,863	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,314	2,267	2,282	2,311	2,329	2,332
Peterborough ..	868	1,808	2,129	2,199	2,255	2,330	2,277	2,297	2,330	2,345	2,347
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	883	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,348	2,290	2,305	2,347	2,360	2,379
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	882	1,860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,502	2,514	2,569	2,561	2,573
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,043	1,940	2,262	2,361	2,426	2,493	2,442	2,452	2,497	2,502	2,519
Northam ..	900	1,870	2,186	2,315	2,417	2,508	2,470	2,481	2,523	2,511	2,516
Bunbury ..	914	1,870	2,195	2,314	2,447	2,569	2,512	2,519	2,586	2,581	2,589
Geraldton ..	957	1,956	2,293	2,421	2,577	2,702	2,638	2,643	2,690	2,702	2,771
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	897	1,868	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,552	2,500	2,512	2,565	2,559	2,573
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	887	1,861	2,180	2,399	2,406	2,458	2,391	2,415	2,438	2,467	2,511
Launceston ..	872	1,857	2,154	2,359	2,364	2,400	2,349	2,364	2,378	2,404	2,453
Burnie ..	865	1,810	2,120	2,309	2,316	2,373	2,297	2,326	2,344	2,382	2,439
Devonport ..	848	1,793	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,339	2,275	2,294	2,313	2,349	2,399
Queenstown ..	875	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,380	2,313	2,330	2,355	2,391	2,445
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	879	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,428	2,367	2,387	2,407	2,436	2,483
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	894	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,389	2,329	2,346	2,372	2,406	2,431
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	897	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,333	2,349	2,375	2,411	2,435
Warwick (Q.) (b) ..	800	1,751	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,218	2,183	2,207	2,213	2,223	2,229
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) ..	863	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,300	2,248	2,263	2,299	2,312	2,324
Whyalla (S.A.) (b) ..	(c)	1,848	2,166	2,274	2,313	2,367	2,322	2,342	2,369	2,374	2,382
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) ..	966	1,931	2,247	2,328	2,353	2,472	2,386	2,397	2,420	2,519	2,552

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series. Index.
Year—					
1914(c)	641	649	754	749	687
1919(c)	1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924.. ..	969	988	1,003	1,004	987
1925.. ..	998	1,008	991	992	997
1926.. ..	1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011
1927.. ..	1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002
1928.. ..	985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009
1929.. ..	1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1930.. ..	941	1,047	951	999	975
1931.. ..	826	901	853	973	873
1932.. ..	796	817	804	958	830
1933.. ..	751	804	787	950	804
1934.. ..	783	810	785	944	817
1935.. ..	806	839	783	946	832
1936.. ..	825	879	792	947	850
1937.. ..	851	912	811	960	873
1938.. ..	886	942	829	961	897
1939.. ..	927	965	841	962	920
1940.. ..	939	973	956	998	957
1941.. ..	947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942.. ..	1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943.. ..	1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944.. ..	1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945.. ..	1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946.. ..	1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947.. ..	1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948.. ..	1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295
1949.. ..	1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950.. ..	1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951.. ..	2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883
1952.. ..	2,526	1,057	3,096	1,958	2,196
1953.. ..	2,641	1,138	3,223	2,053	2,302
1954.. ..	2,671	1,192	3,218	2,062	2,326
1955.. ..	2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393
Quarter—					
1954—December ..	2,677	1,209	3,222	2,060	2,333
1955—March ..	2,730	1,213	3,218	2,046	2,349
June ..	2,770	1,222	3,240	2,070	2,375
September ..	2,854	1,232	3,243	2,081	2,411
December ..	2,891	1,238	3,248	2,128	2,435

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed since the end of the war are not taken into account.

(c) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	"	13.80	13.80	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" self-raising ..	"	13.19	13.19	13.19	12.63	12.63	12.63	11.80	11.80	11.80	13.20	13.20	13.20	12.00	12.50	13.10
Tea ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.64	20.71	20.71	18.90	18.90	18.90	21.60	21.60	21.60	21.20	21.20	21.20
Sugar ..	"	84.65	84.65	84.65	86.00	86.00	86.00	87.50	87.50	87.50	86.50	86.50	86.50	86.10	86.10	86.10
Rice ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.96	9.96	9.96	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.75	9.75
See 1 Tapioca ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.67	12.79	13.07	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.60	13.00	13.00	14.50	13.60	13.60	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.38	14.38	14.38	14.30	14.20	15.20
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	29.85	29.85	29.85	29.92	30.07	29.71	28.80	28.90	28.90	30.50	30.63	30.67	30.90	30.80	30.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	19.05	19.05	19.05	20.71	20.79	20.79	22.10	22.10	22.10	21.50	21.50	21.50	20.70	20.70	20.70
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.25	11.25	11.25	13.05	13.05	13.05	12.25	12.25	12.25	11.63	11.63	11.63
Currants ..	"	31.50	30.30	30.30	31.50	31.00	31.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	32.40	31.80	31.80	32.00	32.00	31.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.17	25.50	25.50	24.20	24.33	24.25	23.00	23.00	23.00	25.75	25.75	25.75	24.60	24.75	24.75
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	61.30	65.00	63.00	56.25	56.00	56.00	53.60	55.50	55.50	61.83	60.00	60.00	60.50	60.00	60.00
Pears, canned ..	"	38.65	38.65	38.65	38.98	38.98	39.00	39.10	39.10	39.10	39.10	38.30	38.10	39.90	39.90	39.90
Potatoes ..	"	41.60	41.70	41.70	42.50	42.50	42.50	40.10	40.10	40.10	42.40	42.40	42.40	42.60	42.60	42.60
Onions, brown ..	7 lb.	55.73	52.90	58.35	60.07	56.00	58.92	57.70	65.60	63.30	53.00	52.50	63.00	49.00	56.00	64.40
Onions, white ..	lb.	10.10	15.80	12.00	10.80	14.67	12.50	10.90	19.33	16.00	10.50	18.00	15.67	11.50	16.88	15.50
Soap ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.42	18.42	18.42	20.20	20.20	20.20	19.67	19.67	19.67	19.40	19.40	19.40
Kerosene ..	quart	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.31	8.28	8.28	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.60	9.60	9.65	9.73	9.73	9.93
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	53.10	53.10	53.10	53.50	53.50	53.50	55.50	55.50	55.50	54.00	54.00	54.00	53.30	53.30	53.30
Cheese, mild ..	"	38.19	38.13	38.69	38.60	36.40	36.50	38.00	38.00	38.00	36.83	36.50	36.50	36.88	36.88	37.38
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	60.00	60.00	66.00	60.00	60.00	66.00	54.20	53.00	53.40	60.60	60.60	66.00	59.40	58.80	66.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	75.33	75.67	75.78	70.38	68.90	68.90	70.67	71.00	71.00	71.50	71.50	71.50	75.75	73.50	73.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.30	23.30	23.30	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.40	25.40	25.40	24.50	24.50	24.50	24.60	24.60	24.60
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	"	"	"	21.00	21.00	21.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50
" (b) in bottles ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	"	"	"	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Meat—																
		Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	44.21			48.29			44.14			45.20			45.75		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	34.22			36.71			32.86			35.40			36.75		
" steak, rump ..	"	56.60			53.86			57.43			59.00			58.50		
" " chuck ..	"	30.03			30.76			34.09			31.33			32.25		
" sausages ..	"	20.47			23.33			22.00			21.67			22.00		
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	36.00			37.85			39.38			37.20			37.50		
" " brisket ..	"	24.45			26.81			32.14			29.40			30.25		
Mutton, leg ..	"	23.45			26.60			29.14			25.66			27.00		
" forequarter ..	"	15.88			16.00			19.09			17.22			17.25		
" loin ..	"	25.10			23.71			33.71			27.00			28.50		
" chops, loin ..	"	25.10			24.57			36.29			27.00			30.50		
" " leg ..	"	26.30			25.81			35.43			27.00			30.50		
Pork, leg ..	"	57.15			57.86			57.43			52.50			48.00		
" loin ..	"	57.18			57.29			56.57			51.50			50.00		
" chops ..	"	57.33			57.38			58.29			52.50			50.00		

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.**

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PRICES.

Item.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ^(b) ..	2 lb.	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	11.10	11.10	11.15	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.33	11.33	11.75	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.40	11.40	11.40
" self-raising ..	"	18.95	18.95	18.95	20.10	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.42	19.50	19.50	19.50	20.80	20.80	20.90
Tea ..	lb.	85.50	85.50	85.50	86.70	86.70	86.70	87.08	87.08	87.08	85.88	85.88	85.88	87.80	87.90	87.80
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.48	9.48	9.48	9.61	9.64	9.64	9.19	9.19	9.19	9.70	9.70	9.70
Rice ..	"	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.40	12.50	12.50	12.67	12.68	12.58	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.70	13.70	13.70
Seed Tapioca ..	"	13.58	13.58	13.58	13.60	13.60	13.80	14.33	13.75	13.75	12.83	13.25	13.25	14.20	14.20	14.20
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	26.60	26.80	26.80	27.40	27.40	27.40	26.40	26.40	26.40	27.63	27.50	26.75	28.80	28.80	28.80
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.90	18.95	18.95	20.20	20.10	20.20	21.17	21.17	21.17	19.38	19.50	19.50	21.70	21.70	21.70
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	9.17	9.00	9.00	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.05	11.10	11.10	9.25	9.25	9.25	11.50	11.50	11.50
Raisins, seeded ..	"	27.61	27.83	27.83	29.30	29.60	28.70	28.63	28.92	29.08	28.75	28.75	28.63	30.40	30.40	30.20
Currants ..	"	23.13	23.00	24.17	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.40	23.27	24.45	23.75	24.00	25.22	25.63	25.88	25.83
Apricots, dried ..	"	53.42	58.00	56.75	52.00	54.00	54.00	53.13	60.00	57.00	59.33	57.00	57.00	52.75	57.50	58.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	32.70	33.00	33.40	33.90	33.90	33.90	33.42	33.42	33.33	33.00	33.00	33.00	36.80	37.40	36.90
Pears, canned ..	"	34.55	34.80	34.80	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.67	35.58	35.08	34.50	34.50	34.50	38.60	38.60	38.60
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	48.56	58.50	61.88	44.00	52.00	61.60	51.25	59.25	68.08	46.38	55.13	55.50	43.40	70.00	58.10
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.50	18.00	14.80	8.70	12.67	13.17	9.42	14.30	16.10	8.25	12.67	14.00	7.50	7.75	12.00
Soap ..	"	18.04	18.04	18.04	18.59	18.55	18.55	18.77	18.77	18.77	17.97	17.97	17.97	19.24	19.25	19.24
Kerosene ..	quart	8.21	8.21	8.21	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.98	8.98	8.98	8.47	8.47	8.47	9.55	9.60	9.55
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	53.30	53.30	53.30	54.00	54.00	54.00	52.33	52.33	52.08	53.75	53.75	53.75	54.00	54.00	54.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	35.70	36.30	36.30	36.83	37.83	37.83	37.33	37.33	37.33	36.38	36.38	37.13	36.67	36.67	36.67
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	64.80	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.20	65.20	65.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	77.67	78.08	78.08	76.20	76.20	76.80	75.80	76.00	76.00	77.75	77.75	77.75	79.00	80.00	80.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.40	22.40	22.40	23.80	23.80	23.60	23.08	23.08	23.08	22.25	22.25	22.25	23.70	23.70	23.70
" fresh ^(b) loose ..	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	..	..	..	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
" " (b) in ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	Dec. Quarter, 1955. 41.29			Dec. Quarter, 1955, 39.80			Dec. Quarter, 1955. 37.86			Dec. Quarter, 1955. 37.93			Dec. Quarter, 1955. 39.00		
" rib (without bone) ..	"	40.53	40.53	40.53	39.40	39.40	39.40	38.57	38.57	38.57	39.67	39.67	39.67	42.00	42.00	42.00
" steak, rump ..	"	57.60	57.60	57.60	56.67	56.67	56.67	51.81	51.81	51.81	54.80	54.80	54.80	51.00	51.00	51.00
" " chuck ..	"	34.93	34.93	34.93	33.14	33.14	33.14	33.14	33.14	33.14	33.20	33.20	33.20	34.20	34.20	34.20
" sausages ..	"	21.10	21.10	21.10	22.11	22.11	22.11	21.81	21.81	21.81	20.53	20.53	20.53	22.20	22.20	22.20
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	41.20	41.20	41.20	39.67	39.67	39.67	38.00	38.00	38.00	40.40	40.40	40.40	39.00	39.00	39.00
" " brisket ..	"	30.20	30.20	30.20	30.67	30.67	30.67	31.29	31.29	31.29	30.93	30.93	30.93	30.00	30.00	30.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	26.67	26.67	26.67	29.17	29.17	29.17	24.60	24.60	24.60	26.67	26.67	26.67	30.00	30.00	30.00
" " forequarter ..	"	16.78	16.78	16.78	16.17	16.17	16.17	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.07	16.07	16.07	20.20	20.20	20.20
" " loin ..	"	26.94	26.94	26.94	25.16	25.16	25.16	22.20	22.20	22.20	26.00	26.00	26.00	29.40	29.40	29.40
" " chops, loin ..	"	26.57	26.57	26.57	29.17	29.17	29.17	25.60	25.60	25.60	27.93	27.93	27.93	30.60	30.60	30.60
" " " leg ..	"	28.24	28.24	28.24	29.33	29.33	29.33	24.40	24.40	24.40	27.27	27.27	27.27	30.60	30.60	30.60
Pork, leg ..	"	58.89	58.89	58.89	56.00	56.00	56.00	54.00	54.00	54.00	56.33	56.33	56.33	48.00	48.00	48.00
" " loin ..	"	59.44	59.44	59.44	57.33	57.33	57.33	56.40	56.40	56.40	57.53	57.53	57.53	49.50	49.50	49.50
" " chops ..	"	59.27	59.27	59.27	57.50	57.50	57.50	56.60	56.60	56.60	58.60	58.60	58.60	53.50	53.50	53.50

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED :
QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	9.40	9.40	9.35	9.43	9.43	9.43	11.29	11.40	11.17	12.10	12.10	12.10	10.10	10.10	10.10
" self-raising ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.85	19.36	19.36	19.36	20.71	20.30	20.17	20.70	20.70	20.70	20.00	20.00	20.00
Tea ..	lb.	82.60	82.60	82.60	82.57	82.71	82.71	74.70	83.80	83.50	74.50	85.10	85.20	84.40	84.40	84.40
Sugar ..	"	8.95	8.95	8.93	9.39	9.39	9.39	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.40	10.40	10.40	8.95	8.95	8.95
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.36	12.36	12.36	13.20	13.00	12.92	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.80	12.80	12.80
Seed Tapioca ..	"	12.20	12.20	12.30	13.17	13.17	13.17	14.50	14.10	13.58	14.30	13.50	14.30	13.33	13.75	13.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	26.95	26.65	26.75	28.57	28.57	28.57	30.71	30.00	29.50	29.63	29.25	29.25	28.80	28.80	28.70
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	17.35	17.40	17.45	18.93	19.14	19.21	20.57	20.10	19.83	22.00	22.20	22.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Oats, flaked ..	"	11.25	11.17	11.17	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.73	10.65	10.65	13.00	12.91	12.91
Raisins, seeded ..	"	26.00	26.30	26.40	27.33	27.33	27.33	27.30	27.30	26.70	27.25	27.67	29.17	29.10	29.10	29.10
Currants ..	"	21.00	22.00	22.00	22.20	22.40	22.40	24.13	24.13	23.67	23.60	23.60	24.10	23.67	23.67	23.67
Apricots, dried ..	"	53.17	53.33	53.33	51.07	51.07	51.07	55.25	55.25	53.75	51.90	52.63	52.63	53.50	53.50	52.17
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	36.60	36.65	37.05	37.57	37.57	37.57	38.29	38.29	38.33	37.30	38.00	38.00	38.10	38.10	38.10
Pears, canned ..	"	38.35	38.40	38.50	39.21	39.07	39.21	39.86	40.10	39.58	39.00	39.00	39.00	40.10	40.10	40.10
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	49.70	39.40	50.30	45.50	35.57	40.57	58.20	44.80	49.42	57.70	43.90	52.00	58.00	41.40	44.90
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.75	12.75	10.25	9.00	11.21	10.21	9.70	13.20	12.67	9.80	14.60	13.60	10.00	12.60	11.40
Soap ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.19	18.19	18.19	18.09	18.09	17.94	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.06	18.06	18.06
Kerosene ..	quart	8.29	8.32	8.35	9.08	9.08	9.08	10.54	10.78	10.71	9.27	9.27	9.27	10.60	10.60	10.60
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	52.25	52.35	52.40	51.71	51.57	51.57	52.07	52.07	52.07	54.30	54.40	54.40	52.20	52.20	52.20
Cheese, mild ..	"	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.14	34.14	34.14	36.10	36.00	35.50	39.20	39.60	39.40	35.50	35.70	35.70
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	52.10	54.40	60.90	30.00	37.17	44.00	52.20	57.00	63.00	60.00	62.25	68.00	45.40	50.40	59.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	64.95	64.60	65.35	60.50	61.93	61.93	62.50	61.90	63.42	59.88	60.63	60.63	61.90	63.40	63.30
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.15	23.15	23.15	23.71	23.71	23.71	23.93	24.30	23.83	23.90	23.90	23.90	24.10	24.00	24.00
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" (b) in ..	"															
" bottles ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Meat—		Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		31.92			35.36			30.00			31.00			33.00	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		26.37			29.51			25.00			25.00			27.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		39.54			42.62			37.00			37.00			41.00	
" chuck ..	"		19.82			22.66			21.00			20.00			21.00	
" sausages ..	"		18.80			20.00			19.57			20.00			20.00	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"		28.54			32.60			28.00			27.00			30.00	
" brisket ..	"		20.82			23.66			22.00			20.00			22.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		22.29			26.54			24.00			20.00			25.00	
" forequarter ..	"		13.01			15.54			14.00			16.00			16.00	
" loin ..	"		19.80			22.97			19.00			22.08			20.00	
" chops, loin ..	"		22.30			25.54			23.00			25.00			24.00	
" " leg ..	"		22.30			24.54			22.00			24.80			24.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		47.17			44.90			41.24			51.00			40.40	
" loin ..	"		46.47			44.33			41.24			48.75			38.60	
" chops ..	"		46.17			44.19			41.24			47.40			39.80	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

PRICES.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

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PRICES.

Item.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIKE.			MOUET GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	13.50	13.50	13.00	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.50	15.00	15.00	14.50	15.00	15.00	14.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	10.00	10.00	9.50	10.14	10.14	9.71	10.86	10.86	10.14	10.00	10.00	9.63	10.75	10.75	10.25
" self-raising ..	"	16.45	16.45	15.95	18.00	18.00	17.64	18.50	18.50	17.86	17.30	17.30	17.00	18.75	18.75	18.38
Tea ..	lb.	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.57	84.57	84.57	84.93	84.93	84.93	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.00	85.00	85.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.46	9.46	9.46	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.71	12.71	12.71	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
Seed Tapioca ..	"	12.56	12.56	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.07	14.07	13.80	13.80	13.80	13.70	13.83	13.83	13.83
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	27.15	27.30	27.45	28.08	28.08	28.08	28.64	28.64	28.64	29.20	29.40	29.40	28.50	28.50	28.50
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.25	11.25	11.25	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.74	11.74	11.74	12.28	12.28	12.28
Raisins, seeded ..	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.21	29.36	29.36	29.58	29.58	29.43	30.10	30.10	30.10	29.63	29.63	29.63
Currants ..	"	24.20	24.25	24.38	24.57	24.79	24.79	24.50	24.90	24.75	24.75	25.75	25.75	25.25	25.25	25.38
Apricots, dried ..	"	54.22	52.50	53.00	52.86	55.38	55.38	53.10	52.83	52.83	59.00	59.00	59.00	55.63	55.63	55.63
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	33.10	33.05	33.05	39.64	39.64	39.64	39.07	39.07	39.07	38.10	38.10	38.10	39.88	39.88	39.88
Pears, canned ..	"	33.10	33.20	33.20	39.71	39.71	39.71	39.50	39.50	39.50	38.63	38.63	38.63	40.00	40.13	40.13
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	47.63	50.04	53.38	53.50	66.50	58.00	49.07	62.71	54.36	48.67	48.67	52.50	52.00	62.67	57.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	11.25	18.00	12.67	12.00	19.20	13.51	11.60	21.33	14.60	9.07	14.51	10.21	12.00	15.00	11.50
Soap ..	"	13.33	18.33	18.33	19.05	19.00	19.00	18.47	18.47	18.57	18.47	18.47	18.47	19.25	19.25	19.25
Kerosene ..	quart	7.75	7.76	7.76	8.29	8.29	8.29	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.79	8.79	8.79	8.78	8.78	8.78
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.79	53.79	53.79	54.00	54.00	54.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	33.90	34.06	34.06	34.86	34.86	34.86	35.33	35.33	35.33	34.13	34.13	34.13	35.38	35.38	35.38
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	43.94	46.80	48.80	36.29	35.00	35.00	36.40	35.25	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.75	36.00	35.33	35.67
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	67.75	67.75	67.75	69.57	68.83	68.83	69.50	69.50	69.50	69.30	69.30	69.30	70.00	70.00	70.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.35	23.35	23.35	24.07	24.07	24.07	24.00	24.00	24.14	24.10	24.20	24.20	24.38	24.38	24.38
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	16.50	16.50	16.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
" (b) in ..	"															
" bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00				19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00			
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		30.27			29.05			30.60			31.07			30.50	
" rib (without ..	"															
" bone) ..	"		33.53			32.14			34.17			35.07			32.50	
" steak, rump ..	"		49.00			47.71			48.95			49.47			49.33	
" chuck ..	"		23.93			23.38			30.00			27.93			30.00	
" sausages ..	"		17.52			16.76			18.00			17.87			18.33	
Beef (corned) silver- ..	"															
side ..	"		34.87			34.00			35.43			34.60			35.67	
" brisket ..	"		28.93			28.19			29.14			27.93			29.17	
Mutton, leg ..	"		24.04			22.14			23.05			23.00			22.50	
" forequarter ..	"		12.67			12.00			12.86			12.13			11.17	
" loin ..	"		23.02			21.90			23.14			23.53			22.50	
" chops, loin ..	"		23.29			22.19			24.67			24.60			23.00	
" leg ..	"		23.67			22.19			24.57			24.60			23.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		52.43			40.71			43.86			46.75			42.50	
" loin ..	"		52.40			40.71			42.72			47.00			49.50	
" chops ..	"		52.47			41.43			47.28			48.40			42.50	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED : QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

Item.	Unit.	PERTH			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	13.60	13.50	13.60	15.50	15.50	15.50	13.50	13.00	13.50	13.90	13.70	13.70	14.00	14.00	14.00
" self-raising ..	"	19.65	19.65	19.65	22.92	22.92	22.92	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.10	20.90	20.90	23.00	23.00	23.00
Tea ..	lb.	85.60	86.80	86.80	92.42	92.42	92.42	87.75	87.50	87.25	90.60	90.60	90.60	92.00	92.00	92.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.08	10.08	10.08	9.54	9.54	9.56	9.68	9.68	9.68	9.95	9.94	9.94
Rice ..	"	11.60	11.65	11.65	14.00	14.00	14.00	11.63	11.50	11.38	13.10	13.00	13.00	13.40	13.40	13.40
Seed Tapioca ..	"	15.20	15.60	15.60	17.58	17.75	17.58	15.75	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.88	16.88	16.88
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	31.80	31.80	31.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	32.25	33.63	33.63	33.80	33.80	33.80	35.00	35.00	35.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	19.85	19.85	19.85	23.42	23.42	23.42	21.13	21.13	21.13	21.90	21.90	21.90	22.90	22.90	22.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.36	11.14	11.14	16.00	16.00	16.00	12.17	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.67	12.67	16.00	16.00	16.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	29.75	29.83	29.70	33.30	33.80	32.50	31.33	31.33	31.33	33.67	33.00	33.00	31.80	31.80	31.80
Currants ..	"	24.25	23.90	24.00	27.00	26.92	26.92	23.00	23.25	23.00	25.10	24.80	24.70	26.90	27.00	26.80
Apricots, dried ..	"	60.38	59.00	60.50	60.50	61.00	60.67	59.00	59.00	59.00	62.67	62.00	62.00	63.63	62.83	63.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	39.70	39.70	39.55	46.42	46.42	46.42	38.88	39.00	39.00	43.40	43.10	43.10	44.70	44.70	44.70
Pears, canned ..	"	41.00	41.00	40.50	48.08	48.08	48.08	39.25	39.63	39.63	45.10	44.90	44.90	46.20	46.10	46.10
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	36.88	31.00	31.00	37.17	34.92	33.08	39.00	33.25	33.25	35.60	31.80	31.80	38.60	33.00	33.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	10.31	10.44	10.63	10.67	11.17	10.00	11.00	10.63	10.88	11.50	11.63	11.13	11.60	12.60	11.60
Soap ..	"	19.30	19.30	19.30	20.67	20.67	20.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.80	19.66	19.66	19.67	19.67	19.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.03	13.05	13.05	16.11	16.11	16.06	14.64	14.64	14.64	14.77	14.77	14.77	15.84	15.84	15.84
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	52.90	52.90	52.90	56.00	56.00	56.00	52.00	52.00	52.25	54.00	54.00	54.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	41.64	41.64	41.64	43.90	43.90	43.90	42.63	42.50	42.50	43.38	42.88	42.88	44.10	44.10	44.20
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	55.10	55.00	57.70	56.83	57.17	60.17	55.50	55.50	58.50	55.80	55.80	58.00	55.20	55.20	58.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	65.11	66.17	67.50	68.42	70.50	70.58	65.33	66.67	66.67	66.10	68.50	68.30	68.90	69.80	69.80
Milk, condensed ..	tin	22.45	22.35	22.55	25.17	25.17	25.17	23.25	23.25	23.25	24.10	24.10	24.10	25.50	25.50	25.50
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	17.00	17.00	17.00	22.17	22.17	22.17	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
" (b) in ..	"															
" bottles ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
Meat—		Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		39.07			36.29			38.00			41.40			37.00	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		40.04			39.86			38.33			42.00			38.00	
" steak, rump ..	"		55.13			54.00			54.67			54.00			48.00	
" " chuck ..	"		35.27			35.57			36.00			38.00			35.44	
" sausages ..	"		21.65			24.00			24.67			25.00			22.00	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"		37.88			36.29			39.00			39.80			37.00	
" " brisket ..	"		29.57			30.00			32.00			32.00			33.00	
Mutton, leg ..	"		28.00			29.57			28.00			32.60			29.00	
" forequarter ..	"		17.33			20.20			18.00			19.20			17.67	
" loin ..	"		27.83			29.14			26.33			27.80			24.67	
" chops, loin ..	"		27.83			29.57			26.67			28.00			26.00	
" " leg ..	"		27.83			29.57			26.67			28.00			27.00	
Pork, leg ..	"		53.89			48.86			49.67			48.00			48.00	
" loin ..	"		53.89			48.86			48.33			49.00			48.00	
" chops ..	"		53.89			48.86			48.33			49.80			48.00	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES^(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED:
QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.**

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PRICES.

Item.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread(b) ..	2 lb.	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.58	11.58	11.58	12.80	12.80	12.60	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" self-raising ..	"	19.00	19.05	19.05	19.08	19.08	19.08	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.40	19.40	19.40	20.33	20.50	20.50
Tea ..	lb.	90.20	90.50	90.45	90.50	90.50	90.50	90.50	90.50	90.50	89.90	90.50	90.50	91.00	91.00	91.00
Sugar ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.25	9.25	9.25
Rice ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.83	11.83	11.83	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Seed Tapioca ..	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	13.00	15.13	15.13	17.38	17.30	17.30	16.40	16.40	16.40	18.00	18.00	18.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	28.10	28.10	28.10	28.17	28.17	28.17	28.70	28.60	28.60	28.80	28.60	28.80	30.67	30.67	30.67
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	20.95	20.95	20.95	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.80	20.80	20.80	22.17	22.17	22.17
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.33	11.33	11.33	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.60	12.60	12.60
Raisins, seeded ..	"	30.75	31.05	31.05	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.90	31.10	31.10	31.80	31.80	31.80	32.67	33.00	33.00
Currants ..	"	26.71	27.00	27.08	24.90	25.50	25.50	27.50	27.75	27.83	26.50	26.00	26.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	58.29	58.00	58.00	58.50	57.00	57.00	60.00	58.50	58.50	59.00	61.00	61.00	59.00	59.00	59.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	39.15	39.25	39.25	38.08	38.08	38.08	39.50	40.00	40.00	38.90	38.90	39.10	41.00	41.00	40.67
Pears, canned ..	"	48.75	44.15	44.15	42.08	42.08	42.08	42.90	42.90	42.90	41.30	41.30	41.30	46.00	46.00	46.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	49.50	55.00	75.00	44.33	44.33	61.33	49.10	48.40	56.70	48.50	67.20	59.00	49.50	59.67	68.67
Onions, brown ..	lb.	12.86	18.00	18.57	13.00	22.00	18.00	10.30	18.20	20.00	11.00	19.00	21.00	11.00	24.00	21.00
Soap ..	"	18.26	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.33	18.40	18.40	18.40	18.67	18.67	18.67
Kerosene ..	quart	13.39	13.39	13.39	11.36	11.36	11.36	14.10	14.10	14.10	13.86	13.86	13.86	13.19	12.75	12.75
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	54.90	54.95	54.95	53.17	53.17	53.33	55.00	55.00	55.00	54.40	54.40	54.40	54.00	54.00	54.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	38.08	38.61	38.50	37.03	37.03	37.03	37.03	37.03	37.03	38.79	39.23	41.87	39.23	39.23	39.23
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	54.50	63.78	66.50	54.17	66.20	66.20	54.50	66.50	66.50	54.25	66.50	66.50	56.00	64.33	68.33
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	73.00	73.00	72.60	72.17	72.17	71.83	71.40	71.40	71.40	72.00	72.60	72.60	73.00	73.00	73.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.60	23.60	23.60	24.00	24.00	24.00
" fresh(b) loose ..	quart	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	..	..	..
" (b) in ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	..	..	..	27.00	27.00	27.00
" bottles ..	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	..	..	..	27.00	27.00	27.00
Meat—		Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.			Dec. Quarter, 1955.		
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.		41.17			39.43			40.00			38.60			41.00	
" rib (without bone) ..	"		40.60			39.71			39.75			38.00			41.67	
" steak, rump ..	"		53.33			55.86			54.75			52.20			57.00	
" " chuck ..	"		35.80			36.67			34.50			33.80			37.33	
" sausages ..	"		23.20			22.40			23.00			23.40			23.67	
" (corned) silver-side ..	"															
" " brisket ..	"		42.03			40.29			40.50			39.00			42.22	
Mutton, leg ..	"		31.23			29.38			31.50			30.00			34.11	
" " forequarter ..	"		30.59			28.79			28.11			28.77			30.67	
" " loin ..	"		17.17			16.53			15.56			16.91			21.56	
" " chops, loin ..	"		24.13			20.08			23.11			24.20			27.67	
" " leg ..	"		25.04			22.58			23.11			26.65			27.76	
Pork, leg ..	"		26.05			25.24			24.44			28.79			27.67	
" " loin ..	"		55.80			51.14			45.00			42.40			53.33	
" " chops ..	"		55.70			50.86			45.00			43.20			52.67	
" " ..	"		56.00			51.72			45.00			43.20			52.67	

(a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

(b) Delivered.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1939-40 ..	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	101	111	103	105
1940-41 ..	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 ..	117	151	118	137	135	135	133	117	153	112	124
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	128	176	121	137
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
August ..	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	336	275	360	335
September ..	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	331	276	357	333
October ..	389	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
December ..	388	223	561	327	192	365	332	304	269	337	317
January ..	384	223	564	327	190	365	331	305	271	336	317
February ..	384	221	546	317	187	365	328	306	269	336	316
March ..	389	222	545	317	183	365	330	304	269	335	316
April ..	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May ..	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June ..	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331	315
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January ..	394	215	501	315	237	365	329	305	279	331	316
February ..	395	215	505	315	257	373	332	313	281	338	322
March ..	396	214	507	315	264	381	334	319	282	344	326
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	314	283	341	324
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	318	283	344	326
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	324	287	348	330
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	(b) 331	(b) 281	(b) 357	(b) 334
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	(b) 329	(b) 282	(b) 354	(b) 333
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	(b) 329	(b) 290	(b) 352	(b) 334
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	(b) 325	(b) 289	(b) 350	(b) 332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	(b) 321	(b) 291	(b) 355	(b) 336
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	(b) 326	(b) 291	(b) 352	(b) 334

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(b) Preliminary.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1954-55 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	323	534	395	428	621	364
1954-55(a)	325	495	371	406	540	362

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity. From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are derived from available information of current sales.

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the Index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.		
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate	45.63 49.05 ..	17.06 18.34 31.38	11.36 12.21 20.89	6.83 7.34 12.55	6.63 7.13 12.20	2.40 2.58 4.42	1.81 1.94 3.32	0.64 0.69 1.18	0.66 0.72 1.22	6.98 12.84 ..	100.00 .. ..	.. 100.00 ..	100.00
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	108	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	105	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	87	83
1947-48 ..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296	280	283
1948-49 ..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348	305	332
1949-50 ..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399	308	355
1950-51 ..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	365	654
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	397	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	371	488
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	356	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	342	431
1953-54—													
January ..	603	411	325	427	340	461	290	369	377	176	489	354	468
February ..	581	402	325	423	340	461	290	368	353	177	476	350	455
March ..	581	399	325	440	340	461	281	355	327	176	476	351	456
April ..	(i) 596	381	325	467	340	461	281	364	300	176	482	348	461
May ..	618	372	325	474	340	461	281	369	281	178	492	346	470
June ..	622	369	325	484	340	448	281	359	278	178	494	346	472
1954-55—													
July ..	(i) 622	359	313	475	340	448	278	354	264	178	490	338	468
August ..	566	358	313	475	340	448	262	350	254	178	461	338	442
September ..	566	355	313	498	340	448	261	350	224	178	462	339	442
October ..	536	356	313	524	340	468	260	350	216	178	450	344	431
November ..	513	358	313	518	340	468	261	350	204	179	439	343	421
December ..	532	359	313	512	384	468	263	350	197	178	451	348	432
January ..	520	360	313	516	367	430	266	350	200	178	444	345	425
February ..	523	356	313	522	346	430	267	350	200	178	446	342	427
March ..	528	356	313	523	329	430	270	350	212	178	446	341	426
April ..	520	354	313	525	324	434	271	350	223	178	441	340	422
May ..	520	354	313	520	332	434	268	345	216	178	441	340	422
June ..	505	355	313	528	343	434	279	342	212	178	435	343	417
1955-56—													
July ..	(i) 505	352	313	538	359	468	266	342	225	178	437	347	419
August ..	453	351	313	538	365	468	266	341	234	178	411	347	395
September ..	437	334	313	545	398	468	278	344	235	178	404	347	388
October ..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406	351	390
November ..	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407	352	391
December ..	453	315	368	575 (j)	364 (j)	454	283	365	232	178 (j)	414 (j)	352 (j)	398

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.

(b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.

(c) Sultanas, leixas, currants.

(d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index.

(f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936-37.

(g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.

(h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable from 1936-37.

(i) Nominal. (j) Preliminary.

NOTE.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*. In computing this index, the "quantity-multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.				Retail Price Index Numbers.					Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates, (c).
				Food and Grocer- ies.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.		
Year—										
1911	..	..	..	1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	1,000	1,000
1914	..	..	..	1,144	1,082	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1921	..	..	..	1,902	1,410	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087
1928	..	..	..	1,761	1,743	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172
1932	..	..	..	1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938	..	..	..	1,584	1,540	1,253	1,403	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939	..	..	..	1,657	1,577	1,271	1,405	1,526	1,846	1,210
1946	..	..	..	1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947	..	..	..	1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948	..	..	..	2,245	1,601	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357
1949	..	..	..	2,492	1,605	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367
1950	..	..	..	2,800	1,613	3,455	2,184	2,589	3,596	1,389
1951	..	..	..	3,649	1,649	4,156	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1952	..	..	..	4,516	1,728	4,657	2,980	3,645	5,241	1,438
1953	..	..	..	4,723	1,861	4,872	3,126	3,820	5,539	1,450
1954	..	..	..	4,776	1,949	4,865	3,139	3,860	5,632	1,459
1955	..	..	..	5,027	2,005	4,894	3,168	3,970	5,773	1,454
Quarter—										
September	..	1939.	..	1,645	1,582	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220
December	..	..	..	1,657	1,584	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210
June	..	1948.	..	2,197	1,600	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346
September	..	..	..	2,278	1,601	2,688	1,935	2,175	2,970	1,366
December	..	..	..	2,378	1,602	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371
March	..	1949.	..	2,433	1,603	2,795	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369
June	..	..	..	2,482	1,604	2,968	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367
September	..	..	..	2,497	1,606	3,089	2,047	2,370	3,249	1,371
December	..	..	..	2,555	1,608	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,380
March	..	1950.	..	2,633	1,609	3,259	2,134	2,474	3,372	1,363
June	..	..	..	2,718	1,611	3,418	2,151	2,546	3,458	1,358
September	..	..	..	2,828	1,614	3,501	2,180	2,609	3,545	1,359
December	..	..	..	3,020	1,618	3,643	2,271	2,726	4,009	1,471
March	..	1951.	..	3,201	1,641	3,760	2,381	2,843	4,142	1,457
June	..	..	..	3,443	1,646	4,151	2,498	3,042	4,387	1,442
September	..	..	..	3,819	1,651	4,283	2,611	3,224	4,601	1,427
December	..	..	..	4,133	1,656	4,429	2,731	3,388	4,850	1,432
March	..	1952.	..	4,298	1,672	4,523	2,783	3,481	5,036	1,447
June	..	..	..	4,589	1,702	4,685	2,967	3,661	5,156	1,408
September	..	..	..	4,633	1,750	4,709	3,072	3,714	5,345	1,439
December	..	..	..	4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458
March	..	1953.	..	4,599	1,835	4,838	3,118	3,763	5,443	1,446
June	..	..	..	4,658	1,857	4,906	3,122	3,805	5,512	1,449
September	..	..	..	4,804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December	..	..	..	4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
March	..	1954.	..	4,798	1,900	4,880	3,151	3,861	5,622	1,456
June	..	..	..	4,774	1,947	4,856	3,137	3,856	5,624	1,459
September	..	..	..	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December	..	..	..	4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
March	..	1955.	..	4,882	1,983	4,865	3,115	3,898	5,720	1,467
June	..	..	..	4,952	1,997	4,898	3,151	3,941	5,746	1,457
September	..	..	..	5,103	2,014	4,903	3,168	4,001	5,774	1,443
December	..	..	..	5,169	2,025	1,910	3,239	4,041	5,853	1,448

(a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See note (b) on page 106. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
DEMOGRAPHY(a)—								
Population(b) { '000 Males ..	1,737	2,005	2,382	2,799	3,333	3,599	4,311	4,598
'000 Females ..	1,504	1,820	2,192	2,712	3,220	3,545	4,217	4,492
'000 Persons ..	3,241	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553	7,144	8,528	9,090
Net Oversea Migration '000	26.9	3.0	74.4	17.5	-10.1	5.2	111.4	68.2
Marriages .. { '000	24	28	39	47	39	75	77	71
Rate(c)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.9
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separations ..	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,330	7,327	6,528
Births .. { '000	110	103	122	136	119	135	193	202
Rate(c)	34.5	27.2	27.2	25.0	18.2	18.9	22.9	22.5
Deaths .. { '000	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82
Rate(c)	14.8	12.2	10.7	9.9	8.7	10.0	9.7	9.1
Infant Deaths { '000	12.7	10.7	8.4	9.0	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.5
Rate(e)	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.5
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a)—								
Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers ..	(f)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,632
Real Wage Index Numbers(g) ..	(f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,210	1,194	1,439	1,459
PRODUCTION—								
Agricultural—								
Wheat .. { Area mill. acs.	3.3	5.1	7.4	9.7	14.7	12.0	10.4	(h) 10.7
Yield mill. bus.	26	39	72	129	191	167	160	(h) 169
Av. Yield bus.	7.7	7.5	9.6	13.3	12.9	13.9	15.4	(h) 15.8
Oats .. { Area '000 acs.	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	2,365	(h) 2,574
Yield mill. bus.	5.7	9.8	9.6	12.1	15.2	22.3	34.5	(h) 32.8
Av. Yield bus.	23.3	21.2	15.5	16.6	14.0	15.3	14.6	(h) 12.8
Barley .. { Area '000 acs.	68	75	116	209	342	784	1,118	(h) 1,691
Yield mill. bus.	1.2	1.5	2.1	6.1	6.3	18.0	21.9	(h) 29.4
Av. Yield bus.	17.3	20.4	17.7	20.4	18.4	23.0	19.6	(h) 17.4
Maize .. { Area '000 acs.	284	295	340	305	269	301	170	170
Yield mill. bus.	9.3	7.0	8.9	7.8	7.1	7.4	4.0	5.1
Av. Yield bus.	32.6	23.9	26.3	25.7	26.2	24.7	28.7	29.9
Hay .. { Area '000 acs.	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,549	(h) 1,984
Yield '000 tons	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,345	(h) 2,856
Av. Yield tons	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.51	(h) 1.44
Potatoes .. { Area '000 acs.	113	110	130	149	145	99	118	(h) 107
Yield '000 tons	380	323	301	388	397	333	509	(h) 468
Av. Yield tons	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	4.31	(h) 4.36
Sugar-cane .. { Area(f) '000 acs.	45	87	101	128	242	255	282	374
Yield '000 tons	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	5,827	10,087
Av. Yield tons	16.2	15.7	16.7	19.0	17.4	20.3	18.9	27.0
Vineyards .. { Area '000 acs.	49	64	61	92	113	130	136	136
Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	(h) 26.0
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.8	(h) 21.7
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.—								
Livestock .. { Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.8
Cattle ..	11.1	8.5	11.8	14.4	12.3	13.6	14.9	15.8
Sheep ..	106	72	97	86	111	125	118	131
Pigs ..	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.3
Wool(j) .. { '000 tons	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798	723	1,007	1,167	1,080	1,288
Butter .. { '000 tons	(a) 19	(a) 46	(a) 95	(a) 110	175	168	135	191
Cheese .. { '000 tons	(a) 4.5	(a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a) 14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	45.1
Meat(k)—								
Beef and Veal ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	339	350	534	582	714
Mutton and Lamb ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	818	307	372	282	380
Pork ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	11.1	22.7	58.1	35.0	45.5
Bacon and Ham ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	26.2	31.8	42.5	36.6	38.2
Total Meat ..	(f)	(f)	(f)	608	727	1,027	949	1,192

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decreases made absolute, including decreases for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "O" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Subject to revision. (i) Productive cane. (j) In terms of greasy. (k) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat cured weight, bacon and ham.

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NOTE.—See headnotes on page 117.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
PRODUCTION—continued.								
Mineral(a)(b)—								
Copper(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	
Gold(e) .. '000 fine oz.	1,243	3,300	2,484	758	595	1,497	896	
Lead(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	150.8	289.4	212.0	
Zinc(c) .. '000 tons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	66.1	232.6	189.2	
Black Coal .. mill. tons.	4.4	6.9	10.6	12.8	8.4	14.2	17.6	
Brown Coal .. " "	..	..	(e)	0.1	2.2	4.6	7.8	
Forestry—								
Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,393	
Factories—								
Number of factories '000			14.5	18.0	21.7	27.0	45.8	
Persons employed ..	(f)	(f)	312	379	337	725	978	
Salaries and wages paid £m.			28	68	56	180	612	
Net value of production—								
Chemicals, &c. .. £m.			1.1	3.2	7.9	24.8	63.7	
Industrial metals, &c. ..			12.0	23.6	22.8	119.9	413.0	
Textiles, &c. ..	(d)	(d)	7.5	19.2	6.9	21.0	56.6	
Clothing ..			11.8	27.2	11.1	23.6	81.1	
Food, &c. ..			4.2	9.0	28.7	53.2	141.1	
Paper, &c. ..			47.5	112.5	9.6	17.1	68.2	
All groups ..	23.3	29.1	111.0	111.0	316.5	1,024.9		(g)
Value of plant & machinery ..			31.4	78.1	121.5	169.2	412.5	
Value of land and buildings ..	(d)	(d)	32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2	
Net Value of production(h)—								
Agriculture .. £m.	17.0	23.8	38.8	81.9	49.7	64.0	246.7	
Pastoral ..	31.3	27.2	52.7	75.1	43.0	85.4	400.5	
Dairying ..	6.0	7.6	16.1	35.3	22.6	34.3	103.8	
Poultry ..	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5	
Bee-farming ..	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	
Total, Rural ..	56.3	60.7	111.7	201.4	121.1	190.6	783.3	
Trapping ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.5	5.0	6.7	
Forestry ..			4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9	
Fisheries ..	4.4	2.8	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.7	
Mines and Quarries(i) ..	12.1	22.0	23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2	
Total, Non-rural ..	16.5	24.8	29.2	30.5	20.3	50.4	147.5	
Total, Primary ..	72.8	85.5	140.9	231.9	141.4	241.0	930.8	
Factories ..	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0	
Total, All Industries ..	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8	
BUILDING(j)—								
Permits, New Dwellings { '000	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	2.1	9.7	32.8	44.1
Permits, All Buildings(k) £m.					1.5	9.6	80.4	134.9
					4.6	13.5	116.4	215.1
OVERSEA TRADE—								
Imports .. £m. f.o.b.	(a) 34	(a) 38	(a) 61	94	52	174	1,053	844
Exports .. " "	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	774
Principal Exports(l)—								
Wool .. mill. lb.(m)	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,145
Wheat .. £m. f.o.b.	20	15	26	48	32	58	323	353
Flour .. '000 tons	258	543	1,477	2,677	3,413	598	1,685	1,691
Butter .. £m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	45.2
Hides and Skins .. '000 short tons	33	97	176	360	611	414	789	656
Meats .. £m. f.o.b.	0.3	0.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	4.2	33.0	20.3
Fruit(n) .. mill. lb.	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	140
Sugar .. £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6	24.6
Gold ..	0.9	1.3	3.2	3.1	2.3	6.0	17.1	19.7
Silver and Lead ..	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	63.5
Ores and Concentrates, ..	..	0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.5
	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	2.5	2.6	6.9	31.1
	5.7	14.3	12.0	3.5	11.9	9.2	7.0	13.7
	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	28.6	27.2
	..	(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	14.7

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices.

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Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.								
Principal Imports—								
Vegetable foodstuffs, &c. .. £m.f.o.b. }		(a)	(a)					
Apparel, &c. .. " " }		{ 3.6	3.7	4.0	2.6	6.1	25.0	35.9
Oil, &c. .. " " }		{ 10.9	16.2	31.0	15.4	32.7	203.6	126.8
Metals, &c. .. " " }		{ 1.2	1.6	4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	96.9
Rubber, &c. .. " " }		{ 7.8	14.0	22.8	7.4	71.8	392.9	324.1
Paper, &c. .. " " }		{ 0.5	1.4	1.7	0.8	3.2	35.1	17.0
		{ 1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	46.4
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—								
Shipping—								
Oversea Vessels, } mill. tons	(a)	(a)	(a)					
Entrances and Clearances .. No. 3,778		4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,186	4,505
Oversea Cargo—								
Discharged .. mill. tons (c)								
Shipped .. " (c)								
Interstate Vessels, } mill. tons								
Entrances and Clearances .. No. (b)		(b)	{ 9,605	9,782	7,957	9,100	7,524	9,161
Interstate Cargo Shipped .. mill. tons (c)			{ 13.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	18.7
Government Railways—								
Route-miles .. '000 (d)		(d)	(d)					
Passenger-journeys .. mill. 84		115	228	335	303	475	501	517
Goods and livestock carried .. '000 tons		9.4	15.5	25.5	31.5	38.9	44.8	48.1
Tram-miles run .. mill. 29.7		38.2	55.2	56.1	63.8	88.5	93.4	95.1
Tramways and Omnibuses—								
Passenger-journeys—								
Trams .. mill. (b)		(b)	{ 360	569	589	874	686	609
Omnibuses .. " (b)			{ (b)	(b)	(b)	264	333	347
Motor vehicles on the register—								
Cars .. '000 ..								
Commercial vehicles .. " }			(b)	102	{ 420	451	1,032	1,347
Civil Aviation (f)—								
Plane-miles flown .. mill. ..					2.5	7.8	41.8	43.5
Passengers carried .. '000 ..					57	152	1,829	1,918
Passenger-miles .. mill. ..					(b)	76	722	766
Freight car- .. '000 short tons ..					0.1	1.2	57.5	78.7
ried .. '000 ton-miles ..					(b)	0.9	26.7	37.0
Postal—								
Postal matter dealt with (g)		(a)	(a)					
mill. articles 242		324	595	702	(h) 871	h 1,100	h 1,485	1,619
Telegrams and cablegrams mill. 10.0		9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8	25.5
Telephones—								
Instruments .. '000 7		29	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,622
Lines .. (b)		25	85	196	364	531	927	1,151
Calls—Trunk .. mill. (b)		(b)	(b)	14.0	28.9	45.3	69.4	89.9
Local .. (b)		(b)	(b)	221	369	664	968	1,103
Broadcast Listeners' Licences .. '000 ..				(i) 36	369	1,320	1,961	2,051
PUBLIC FINANCE—								
Commonwealth—								
Consolidated Revenue Fund—								
Revenue .. £m. (d)		11	21	64	72	210	1,017	1,067
Expenditure .. " (d)		4	15	64	70	210	1,017	997
Net loan fund expenditure (j) ..			1	5	4	213	32	33
Taxation collections ..		9	16	50	54	180	934	938
State—								
Consolidated Revenue Funds—								
Revenue .. £m. (b)		28	41	85	100	152	387	468
Expenditure .. " (b)		29	41	87	121	149	390	465
Net loan expenditure (j) ..		9	16	34	6	8	198	(e)
Taxation collections .. (b)		3	5	18	33	57	63	(e)
Public Debt (k)—								
Commonwealth .. £m. ..			6	354	319	638	1,869	1,923
State .. a155.1		213	279	519	789	911	1,396	1,826
Total .. a155.1		213	285	873	1,108	1,549	3,265	3,749
Overseas .. (b)		(b)	194	412	522	516	406	435
In Australia .. (b)		(b)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,314

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Not available. (c) Tons weight plus tons measurement. (d) Year ended 30th June. (e) Not yet available. (f) Regular internal services. (g) Letters, postcards, letter-cards and newspapers. (h) Includes packets. (i) Year 1923-24. (j) Loan expenditure on works, services, &c. (k) At 30th June.

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Item.	Year ended 30th June—							
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.
PRIVATE FINANCE—								
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m.	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	363
Cheque-paying Banks—								
Advances(c)	125	94	119	182	261	270	677	809
Deposits(c)	98	93	150	289	319	387	1,189	1,326
Bank clearings(d)	(b)	338	662	1,702	1,581	2,828	12,160	13,046
Savings bank deposits(e)	15	31	59	154	198	274	892	1,074
Life Assurance(d)(f)—								
Ordinary—								
Policies .. '000	(b)	414	484	730	871	1,340	2,553	3,033
Sum assured .. £m.		108	109	181	285	463	1,212	1,741
Industrial—								
Policies .. '000		236	467	973	1,550	2,780	3,843	3,827
Sum assured .. £m.		5	10	30	67	127	254	297
Total—								
Policies .. '000		650	951	1,703	2,421	4,120	6,396	6,860
Sum assured .. £m.		113	119	211	352	590	1,466	2,038
SOCIAL STATISTICS—								
Commonwealth Social Services—								
Age and Invalid Pen- sions .. '000(g)	..	..	90	144	256	336	420	504
Child Endowment, Claims in force .. '000(g)	..	..	2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3	59.8	88.0
Total Commonwealth Health and Social Services(h) £m.	..	..	2.2	6.1	11.5	30.9	137.6	189.3
War Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	..	225	274	220	525	584
Service Pensions .. '000(g)	..	..	..	7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	(i) 44.5
State Social Services(k)—	..	..	..	..	..	14	17	22
Education(d)—	..	..	..	..	..	0.6	1.8	(j)
Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	6.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	10.1	9.5	7.6	(l)
Staff	12.6	14.5	17.0	26.1	33.8	32.1	36.7	(l)
Students	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	(l)
Non-Government Schools—								
Schools .. '000	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	(l)
Staff	6.0	8.3	7.8	8.8	10.0	11.4	13.3	(l)
Students	125	149	161	199	221	257	326	(l)
Universities(d)(m)—								
Number	4	4	5	6	6	8	9	9
Staff(n)	(b)	(b)	249	482	703	1,416	3,082	3,313
Students .. '000	1.6	1.8	3.4	8.0	9.8	13.9	31.7	29.3
Public Hospitals—								
Number	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(l)
Staff—Medical .. '000	(b)	285	355	404	513	566	675	(l)
Nursing	(b)	(b)	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.9	6.9	(l)
In-patients, cases treated ..	(b)	(b)	5.1	6.8	9.3	15.4	24.6	(l)
	(op) 54	(p) 91	134	215	371	595	896	(l)
POLICE AND PRISONS(d)—								
Police	'000	5.3	5.8	6.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	12.3
Prisons	(b)	(b)	104	91	85	70	69	(l)
Prisoners	'000	(b)	4.3	3.1	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.4
PRICES(d)—								
"C" Series Retail Price Index ..	..	..	1,000	1,680	1,448	1,673	3,124	3,860

(a) At end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931-32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 as 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (f) Existing business in Australia. (g) At 30th June. (h) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes service pensions. (j) Included with war pensions. (k) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (l) Not yet available. (m) Excludes Australian National University. (n) Includes part-time. (o) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (p) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.